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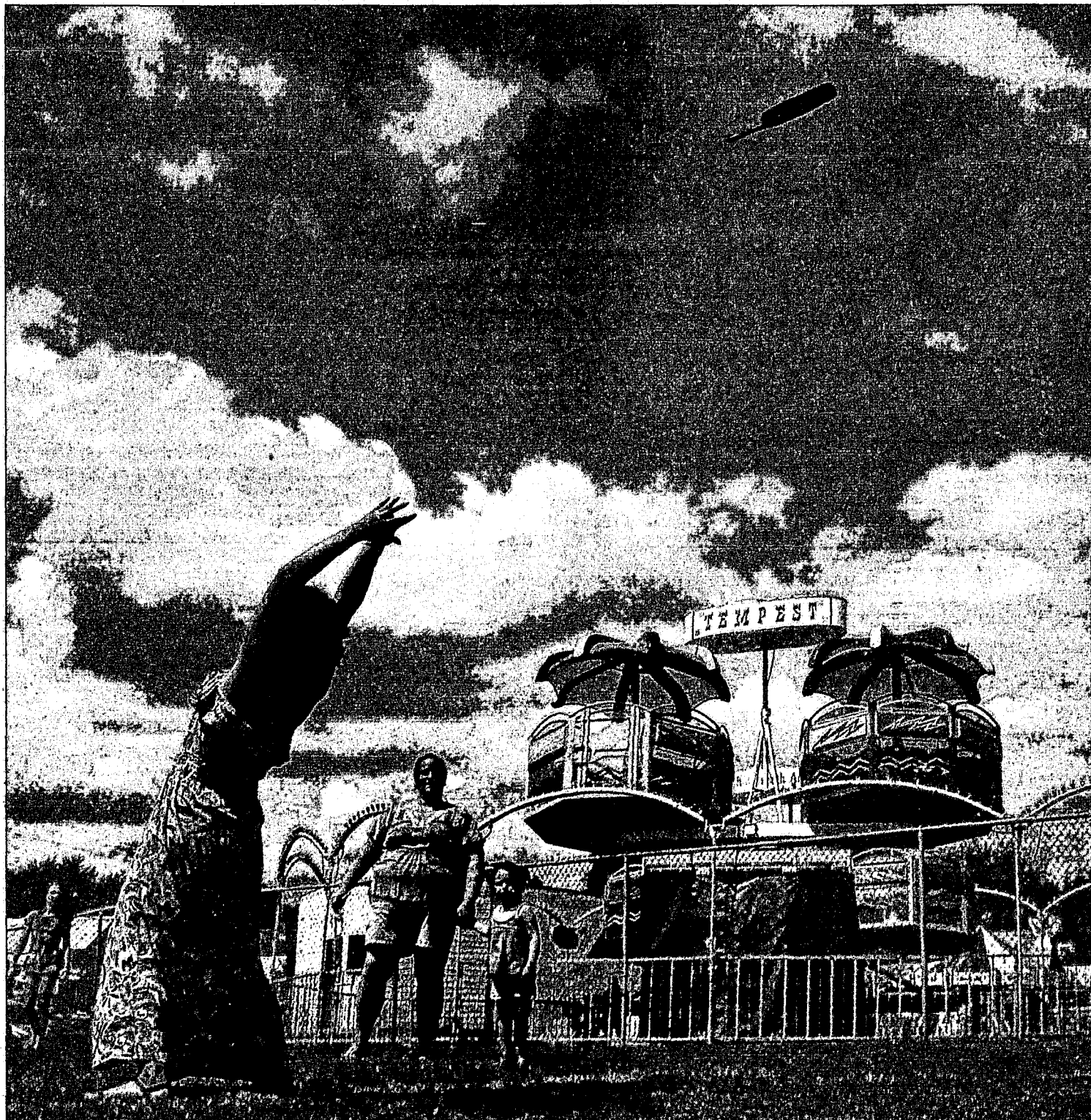
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Skies smile, skillets sail over Olde Home Days



Hot sun and colorful carnival rides lent a tropical air to the weekend's Andover Olde Home Days. Here, Samara Richards adds her own exotic twist, opting for the day's only back-flip-style skillet throw. Robin Mosher, rear, ran Saturday's event. (Photo: M. Daniels)

Veteran educator from northern Maine tapped for middle-school principalship

By ALISON ALOISIO
Following his appointment by the SAD 44 School Board Monday, Telstar Middle School's new principal, Clark Rafford, told directors that "it's very important to provide quality students for high school."

He said he knows that from experience, coming from his

previous position as a high school principal in northern Maine.

Rafford, who has been principal of Hodsdon High School for five years and has 20 years of experience as a school administrator, agreed to a two-year contract for a salary of \$76,000 this year and \$77,500 the following year. He re-

places Sandy Schroeder, who served in the position for three years.

He also has previous experience as principal of a grade-6-through-12 school.

"It's time for me to get back into middle school," he said.

Rafford, 56, was one of 19 applicants for the job, and one of seven interviewed.

This was not the first time he has applied for a principalship in SAD 44. Supt. Dave Murphy said Rafford applied 10 years ago, as well as in the 1990s.

Rafford said he had also been to Bethel to officiate sports competitions, and served as a

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Andover's first Contractors' Day Saturday at AES

By ALISON ALOISIO
More than a dozen Andover-area contractors are expected Saturday to help spruce up the Andover Elementary School at "Contractors' Day."

With an idea borrowed from a similar annual event at Telstar, contractor Jim Coolidge

has lined up volunteers for work that includes replacing vinyl siding, patching a concrete ramp, replacing window screens and a door, building four new teeter-totters, spreading new wood chips on the playground, painting the outside front of the building,

painting ceilings inside, and other smaller tasks.

"We have 18 to 20 jobs, from small to large," Coolidge said Sunday.

Coolidge and other volunteers met with SAD 44 Building and Grounds Supervisor Burnie Rice and AES custodi-

an Brenda Bailey to assess the needs at the old school.

Some of the materials have been paid for by the school district, including the wood chips, planks for the teeter-totters and the door. Those projects had been planned prior to the decision to hold the volunteer day.

In addition, some of the contractors are contributing materials, such as paint and ceiling tiles.

Also helping with the day's

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Sheriff urges lights, cameras, motion sensors, to protect homes and camps

By MICHAEL DANIELS
"Nobody wants to be illuminated, nobody wants to be seen," Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant told Greenwood selectmen.

The nobodies in question are thieves in the act of breaking into camps and homes.

Such crimes have been an increasing problem in Greenwood of late,

and Gallant recently met with the selectmen in preparation for a planned early-fall public meeting on possibly establishing some form of "crime watch" program for neighborhoods in need.

But Gallant also offered some tips on how individual home of camp owners can act now to reduce the chance of their properties being burgled.

Light and sound
"Lights help everywhere," he said, both lights that are left on, and those that are activated by motion.

"I strongly suggest people have sensor lights on the front and rear of their house, cottage, whatever."

"I have those on my house," he said, "and I guarantee that if someone comes up to my house late at night and the light comes on, they're

not sure if someone in there turned it on."

That deterrent effect is strengthened by sound.

"When I leave my house I leave a radio on all the time," he said.

"If I go to the grocery store I leave my TV on. It doesn't cost you that much more in electricity

'I strongly suggest people have sensor lights on the front and rear of their house, cottage, whatever.'

WAYNE GALLANT
Oxford County Sheriff

"Why I do that is if someone goes to my house, walks up to the door, they hear a TV or radio, which tells them somebody may be home, and they leave."

But while these measures may be useful for most residents, they are

not an option for camp owners who turn off the electricity when they close up for the winter.

All six of the Greenwood burglaries reported to OCS since the beginning of the year were from such camps (none of which had monitored alarm systems).

Gate it?
Road or driveway gates are a traditional tool in such situations, but gates, he said, can be problematic for law enforcement.

"It's difficult for us because most of these seasonal homes

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Comments sought on rail-feasibility study

By ALISON ALOISIO
The Maine Department of Transportation is now accepting comments on the recently finalized feasibility report on passenger rail service connecting Portland, Bethel and Montreal.

In March a presentation of cost estimates (in 2020 figures), ridership and routes for a re-established passenger service on the St. Lawrence & Atlantic rail line took place in Bethel.

The completed final report includes more detail, such as proposed daily schedule times for trains through Bethel and use of the Bethel station.

According to the proposed schedule, service between Bethel and Portland would include eight trips between Portland and Bethel a day, with six offered as a one-seat rides (no changing trains); one providing a transfer in

Portland to the Downeaster to Boston; and the other the return trip of the transferring train.

Trains would leave Bethel for Portland at 8:43 a.m., 1:33 p.m. and 6:23 p.m. on a trip of approximately one hour and 40 minutes. From Portland, trains would arrive in Bethel at 2:52 p.m., 8:47 p.m. and 1:02 a.m.

A trip (with no train changes) from Bethel to Boston would take approximately four hours.

If service between Portland and Montreal were added, another four trains a day would pass through Bethel: northbound at 1:02 p.m. and 1:22 a.m., and southbound at 4:13 a.m. and 4:18 p.m. The separate Portland-Bethel schedules would be altered slightly to accommodate the longer-distance trains.

If service between Portland and Montreal were added, another four trains a day would pass through Bethel.

To restart passenger service to Bethel, track or other upgrades would be required on some sections between Port-

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Attention Telstar Students and Families

Incoming grade 9 students are invited to Freshman Day on Thursday, August 25, 8:30 to 11:30am. Details mailed out the week of August 14th.

New high school students registration is August 22-26. New middle school students registration is August 24-26. Please call 824-2136 and press 1 for an appointment or more information.

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Letters

TRIATHLON SAFETY SUGGESTIONS

To the Editor:

The Maine State Triathlon and the Kids' Triathlon are this weekend, Aug. 13 and 14. The Kids' Triathlon, starts at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The course is between Angevine Pond town swimming area and Bethel Airport. Young athletes will be riding their bicycles along North Road and running between the pond and Daisy Bryant Road. If at all possible, avoid North Road between 3 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The adult triathlon is Sunday and "event central" is at The Bethel Inn Resort's Lakehouse on Songo Pond, south of Bethel on Routes 5/35. Hundreds of athletes and their families gather at the event and safety is the highest priority. If you can avoid going south on Routes 5/35 between 9 a.m. and noon, between Mill Hill and Grover Hill roads — all the way south to the intersection of 5/35 and Vernon Street, that would be appreciated — use Vernon Street to go south. Also, take caution — high-speed bicycles will be coming through Bethel village between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. (coming in Vernon Street, down Main, left onto Railroad). We will have volunteers and support from the Oxford County Sheriff at key intersections stopping or slowing traffic as need be. Please leave extra time if you are driving in or out of Bethel village during those hours.

Cheer on the athletes - here's the course - (be advised there is no parking at Songo Pond - to watch the swim, park north of pond on Skillings Road and walk down.) Swim starts at 9 a.m. with a 1 K swim on Songo Pond. Athletes then transition to their bicycles proceeding south on Routes 5/35, left onto Vernon Street, north to Main Street, Bethel, right on Main, left on Railroad Street to Route 2, and then left on Lovers Lane/Routes 5/35, cycling south back to the Bethel Inn Lakehouse, where they transition to the 5.8 K run. Runners go south on Routes 5/35, left onto South Shore Road, run around Songo Pond via Baker Road, left on Routes 5/35 to finish at the Bethel Inn Lakehouse. (All details and maps at www.bethelmaine.com.)

The staff of the chamber is still seeking volunteers for this event, as well as the Bethel Harvestfest & Chowdah Cook-off on Saturday, Sept. 17. Volunteers for the triathlon receive a commemorative t-shirt and volunteers for the Harvestfest receive complimentary chowdah tickets. Please give our offices a call 824-2282 if you are interested in helping.

Julia Reuter
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

NEW WEBSITE SAYS THANKS

To the Editor:

We just wanted to take the time to personally thank all those who have come over and signed up at Bethel Connects (dot com). We are still very new and a lot more improvements still need to be done, and thanks to all your feedback we have been able to shape the website into something you guys want. In the first month we have 65 members and have landed over 12,000 hits on the site.

Also, we want to remind everyone that the referral contest currently going on for the \$100 gift card to Suds will be ending on Sunday. We will announce the winner on Monday.

But, what is really exciting is we are going to turn around and give out another gift card. This time, we are asking that all 65 members go out and recruit a friend or a family member to come join. We still want more people to come use the website, and we thought if each person was able to get a friend to come join up in the next week, we can double our membership. Those who refer a friend this week will instantly be placed into a hat and we'll draw another winner. This time the prize will be a \$50 gift card to any restaurant of your choosing, and it does not have to be located in Bethel. If you win, you just tell us where you like to dine out, and we'll send you a \$50 gift card.

We will be doing more giveaways as we move forward. Again, thanks for being the first to Bethel Connects. It means a lot to us.

Make sure to come back often and put up a nice background on your profile page. We may be running a best backgrounds contest in the future. www.bethelconnects.com

Steve, Tim, and Tom Remington
Bethel Connects

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community.

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In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature.

When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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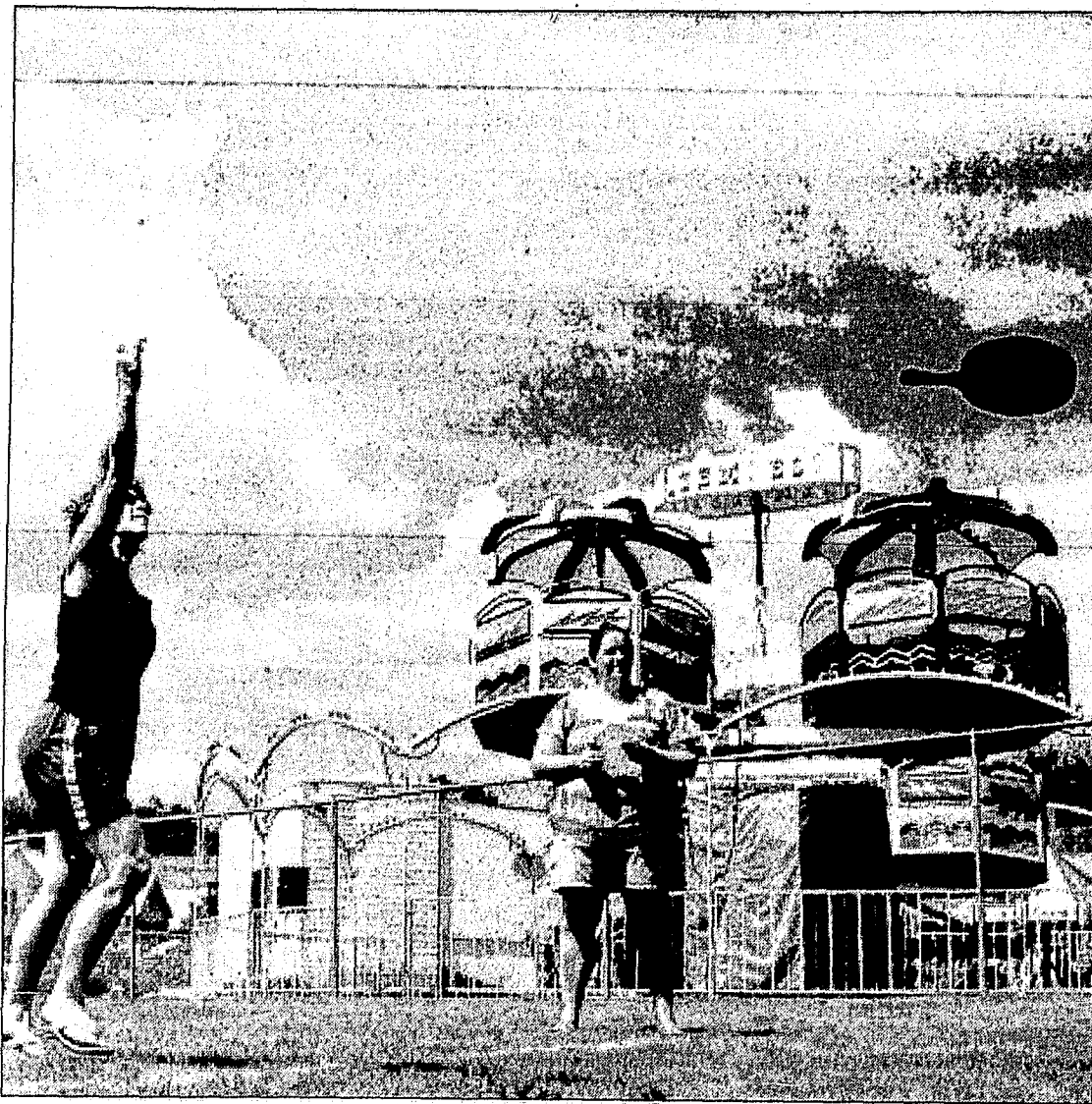
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OOPS! This skillet hurler's first toss didn't quite rise to the intended apogee, but her next fling soared. (Photo: M. Daniels)

MOLLYCKETT DAYS AUCTION THANKS

To the Editor:

The Bethel area is fortunate to be filled with charitably minded and generous individuals who help many of our nonprofit organizations as well as people in need. Being the chamber director for 25 years, I have come to know and appreciate all that these "heroes" do, quietly and behind the scenes in many cases, but I would publicly like to thank Jim Mann for his recent gift to our community. Jim provided 25 unique pieces of Maine-made jewelry to auction off at Mollyckett Days, with the proceeds being divided between six area nonprofits.

The recipients of proceeds from this auction are: Mahoosuc Kids' Association, Mahoosuc Community Band, Bethel Garden Club, University of Maine 4H Camp & Learning Center at Bryant Pond, the newly formed Mahoosuc Pathways Trail Organization, and the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

I'd also like to thank Auctioneer David Kimball of Harrison, who provided his services to our auction and everyone who was there to bid on the items.

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

LEAP FOR THE LORD RACE RESULTS, THANKS

To the Editor:

Pleasant Valley Bible Church would like to take the time to thank both the community for their support and coming out to join the fun on Mollyckett Day, and four local area businesses for another successful Leap for the Lord Potato Sack Race.

Special thanks to Bethel Fire Department for letting us use their lawn space, The Big Adventure Center, Casablanca, and Bethel's Best for the donation of prizes. We had five heats and these were the winners: Heat 1, ages 3-6: first Isaac Bevin, second Bodie Leach, third Cruze Kimble; Heat 2, ages 7-10: first Olivia Bevin, second Thomas Klein, third Brendon Tolland; Heat 3, ages 11-14: first Kellen True, second John Sexton, third Alex McNally; Heat 4, ages 15-18: first Alex Lennedy, second Meg Glover, third Tim Verstey; Heat 5, adults for fun: first Matt, second Aaron, third Lucu.

Congrats to our winners. Thank you again for a great race. We will see you all again next year — same place, same time.

Priscilla Gilbert
For the Pleasant Valley Bible Church

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT MONDAY

To the Editor:

The Mahoosuc Community Band will have its end-of-the-summer concert Monday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Gould Academy Bingham Auditorium in Bethel.

We have added new players for the summer. Several young people from Telstar and Gould Academy are playing instruments and joining us for the final concert of the season. Because of the added number of players, we are having the last concert at Gould, where the auditorium is larger. Refreshments will be served after the concert. That gives everyone a chance to mingle and meet the musicians. While the concert is free to the public, donations are accepted and help provide music for the band.

The Mahoosuc Community Band continues to provide music for the people of the surrounding area and encourages participation at many levels, from students who want to advance their skills to grandparents who just love to play music.

Anyone interested in bringing out their old instrument and dusting off the valves or pads is welcome to come anytime we're practicing. The band encourages all abilities in the goal of promoting music in our communities. Rehearsals for the fall will start Monday night, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

For more information contact our director Patricia Boyle-Wight 824-8453 pboylewight@arts.edu or our president Kathleen DeVore 875-2364 katdev@aol.com.

Jane Chandler
For Mahoosuc Community Band

'Celladore'

From the 1954-1964 Journals of Beckie Bailey, Installment 31

The First Years: Kristie Comes, Winter

B.B. put in the new floor easily. We papered but not as easily, and with considerable shouting and yelling at each other. I found that my knowledge of papering was slight. I had been only a willing, unobserving helper; someone else had provided the skill. But at least I had known enough to choose a paper that did not have to be matched. B.B. built in three bookcases.

It seemed to me that I lived in one continuous drip of pain, that I did nothing but scour it off my skin only to have it applied anew. I started making huge stews that B.B. could warm up so that I did not have to stop to clean my hands before a meal. In my rags, I sat cheerfully eating it and thought of friends, Deb and Lucille, daintily lunching at the Carlyle, but I had no wish to be there.

Miss Fan had a slight illness. I stayed three days with her. On an early March evening I came home and walked into a transformed house. B.B. had finished the painting, and unpacked all the books. The north room was now a book-lined study. The dining room was back to normal. I walked into the living room, and did not stumble over boxes. B.B. had painted the last three beams, taken away the staging, carried out all the debris and empty paint cans. The ceiling was finished; the bark-covered poles were hidden forever. In their place was a resplendent white expanse, a dream fulfilled and a beckoning to do something about the gloom of the rest of the room. I stood looking and in a flash knew just what I could do, what I could do if I had any hayloft money left, if it wasn't almost spring and time for outside work to commence. But I said nothing, only thanked B.B. profusely and cooked a gala dinner.

Next day the mercury shot up to seventy, the eaves dripped. I let the fires go out. In a burst of enthusiasm I dragged the kitchen table outside and washed it with hot soapsuds, then did the chairs and left them on the porch to air in the sunshine. I scrubbed the faded congoium rug on the kitchen floor, started to do the battleship gray paint, but soon stopped. Not even the brightness of this day could bring any glamour to this kitchen. I left it, went topside and gathered up an armful of woolen blankets, snowshoed out and hung them on the line. It was seventy-five at noontime.

The day reminded me of the town meetings of my early youth. Always rivulets ran down over the country roads, the snowbanks on each side still high, the ditches frozen. Puddles of water covered the village streets. The men all came out of the woods to attend, walked about clad in red and black plaid shirts and pants, leather-topped rubbers, felt hats. No one wore a business suit. Those who did wear them habitually, on this day left them in the closet. No one wished to advertise the fact that he did not belong to the fraternity of physical workers. The talk at the meeting went on all day, often heated, and often there was a melee as people rushed to the front of the room to pass in slips of paper on which were written yes or no votes. A break came at noontime. The women of the Grange or of some church put on a baked bean dinner.

It is not like this anymore. Officers were voted for by secret ballot during the day. The meeting is held in the evening. A budget committee had met for many sessions earlier; the vote usually follows their recommendations. Only occasionally a controversial issue, such as zoning or the leashing of dogs, brings out a large crowd. But the weather stays the same.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Smokey, a horse owned by John Carter, was attacked by a bear in a field off Intervale Road.

A fire caused by a lightning strike near Crocker Pond consumed about three-and-one-half acres.

Bill Dunton's crew was constructing a covered bridge, built to resemble Artist's Bridge, at the Pathway project.

Deaths: Florence A. Morse, Ella S. Jones, Royden A. Keddy, Donald P. Thurston, Charlotte M. Sennett, Erma F. Wilson.

20 years ago: The NTL/Community Task Force sponsored a concert by Tennessee folksingers Guy and Candie Carawan.

Sunday River Ski Resort announced the appointment of Burt Mills to the position of vice-president/mountain operations, and Bill Jensen to the position of vice-president/marketing and advertising.

The town of Greenwood celebrated its 175th birthday with a parade and other activities.

Birth: Casey Andrew Curtis.

Death: Ruby M. Hutchins.

30 years ago: The 200th anniversary of the "Last Indian Raid" was observed at Bethel with a variety of activities including a parade, a pageant, numerous exhibits and demonstrations.

Alan Chapman, local woodsman and professional lumberjack competitor, took the New England Woodsmen's Championship title at the Cheshire County Fair, Keene, N.H.

The annual Vail family reunion was held at the Bear River Grange Hall with a large attendance.

Deaths: Norman Rowe, Jr., Carroll A. Farnum, Seymour L. Butters, Mrs. Gladys Bennett.

40 years ago: Severe thunderstorm and gusty winds ripped down trees and power lines across a wide area of Maine; a tornado watch was in effect for western Maine, and a twister sighting was reported in Fryeburg.

Vernon Davis, Chris Olson and Mark Thurlow were at New England Basketball Camp at Husson College in Bangor.

Ricky Mills and Ross Swain of Andover were selected to play on the Babe Ruth All Star Team.

Death: Amy E. Thompson.

50 years ago: The fire department was called out to quench a blaze at a dump near Songo Pond.

In a special town election Robert Warren Hastings was elected selectman and assessor to fill the term of the late Harold G. Bennett.

Deaths: Mrs. Fannie Carter, Mrs. Esther A. Ryerson.

60 years ago: Work was well underway on the ditch for the water pipe for the new school building (CPS), which ran from Paradise Street toward the building.

The old school house more recently a shop of Bethel Inn on Broad Street was renovated and nearly ready for occupancy with eight rooms.

Birth: Mildred Ada Cummings.

Death: Mrs. Lon E. Wight.

70 years ago: Ray Hanscom of Greenwood had a collection of automobile license plates, including Maine, of every year except 1916, and every state except Mississippi and North Carolina.

Deaths: Mrs. Bertha Williamson, Sumner Bean, Fred Cole, Ralph Stanford.

80 years ago: The barn of A. W. Judkins at Upton was struck by lightning and burned.

90 years ago: Many visitors were in Bethel to attend the five-day Chautauqua program.

Death: Miss Christie Davis.

100 years ago: Less than \$100 was stolen when the Bryant Pond post office safe was blown open in the night. Postmaster James Bowker was shot in the leg as he and Mark Allen attempted to halt the burglar's escape.

Elsie Davis, 24-year-old daughter of Charles Davis and organist of the Methodist Church was found exhausted but otherwise OK 20 feet up in tree near Mt. Abram.

Death: Albion C. Chapman.

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land and Bethel.

The platform at Bethel Station, built more than 15 years ago, has sunk and would need to be improved. In addition, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has said it would be willing to move its office at the station to a new location, according to the report, so the station could once again be used for rail service.

The estimated annual ridership for service between Portland and Bethel, beginning in 2020, is projected to be between 66,700 and 71,100, and the annual operating cost \$7.8 to \$10.4 million. The project would seek both state and federal funding.

The proposal also outlines options for interim bus service to provide transportation between Portland and Bethel until rail service becomes a reality.

The full report may be viewed at www.maine.gov/mdot/portlandnorth/railstudydocs.htm. Comments may be sent to Susan Moreau of MDOT, at susan.moreau@maine.gov.

The comment period ends Sept. 2.

Rail Rally date set

A "Rail Rally" in support of returning passenger-rail service to Bethel will take place Sept. 14 at the Bethel Inn, according to Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

"This rally is being organized to create the advocacy voice for passenger rail connections from Portland, through Bethel and eventually on to Montreal," Zinchuk

said Friday.

Dana Connors, president of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce and former MDOT Commissioner, will be the keynote speaker.

The cost to attend is \$25 per person, and includes lunch with the keynote (noon to 1 p.m.) and afternoon working sessions (1 to 4 p.m.), with topics to be chosen by the participants.

The working sessions will apply "Open Space Technology," an approach for self-organizing conferences. The notes from the sessions will be prioritized, and actions identified.

The final report will be an action plan to establish the impetus for funding the investments in capital and operations for rail service.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. (Online registration is available through www.facebook.com/BACofC.Transportation.Committee.)

Zinchuk also said a representative from AVCOG (Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments) is expected to contact municipal leaders in communities all along the St. Lawrence/Atlantic Rail line to encourage them to attend, "so that we can come together with a common vision for how rail service will help to create an environment for economic development along the corridor."

Representatives from Gorham, N.H. are expected to attend and invitations will also go out to community leaders in Vermont and Canada, she said.

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effort will be First Congregational and Calvary Bible churches volunteers.

They will serve coffee at 7:30 a.m., just before the workday starts at 8 a.m., and will provide lunch.

(Note: Because the event will resemble a construction site, Coolidge recommends that volunteers not bring children with them.)

Variety show to follow

Another Andover community event will take place Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at the

Congregational Church.

The third annual Variety Show will benefit the Andover Food Pantry, which serves the areas of Upton, Andover, Byron and Roxbury.

This year we will have Celtic music, country music, songs from the church choir, piano, accordion, guitar and much more," said organizer Linda Couture.

Admission is a donation at the door.

Briefly

Informational meeting in Andover

ANDOVER—A public meeting Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. at the Andover Town Hall will provide information on Central Maine Power's Smart Meters, FEMA Flood Plain Maps, and the location for the Town Information posting board. Representatives from CMP and the Maine State Planning Office will answer questions and provide insight. The schedule will be as follows: 6 p.m., Smart Meters; 6:30, Flood Plain map concerns; 7 p.m. (after map discussion), posting sign location.

Dunk tank at REACH fundraiser

PARIS—The 5th Annual Police vs. Firefighters benefit softball game will take place Sunday, Aug. 14, at Gouin Field in South Paris, to benefit REACH. The fundraiser this year includes a dunk tank. "Dunkees" will include Deputy Chief Dane Tripp of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department; Chris Yates, Norway Town Office and Norway Fire Department; Dennis Yates, Norway Fire Chief; Jennifer Raudonis, director of Common Ground Counseling; and Norway Chief of Police Rob Federico. The dunk tank starts at 3 p.m.; the softball game at 4 p.m. Game tickets are \$3, kids free, and can be purchased at the Oxford, Paris and Norway Police and Fire Departments, at the REACH office or at the gate on game day. 50/50 raffle, and snack shack food are also part of the fundraiser.

Super Crossword

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have a chain across the driveway. "If you put a chain across your driveway, you're telling us you don't want people on your property, police don't have a right to be on your property either, unless we're there for a legitimate reason or you've asked us to be. "And a chain advertises: 'nobody is going in and out; nobody's going to be here for a while.'" But he stopped short of recommending against gates. "Some people say 'gate it' others say 'not to,'" he said. "Some say 'when you go away in the winter have the driveway plowed, others say not. "I don't have the right answer, but I do know one thing: If they're trying to haul out a lot of stuff out through your driveway and it's gated, they can't do it."

Smile, you're on gamecam But there is now another effective, battery-powered option in such situations. It won't prevent burglaries, but it will make it far more likely the culprits will be

'Spend a couple of hundred dollars and buy a game camera. ... We just had a burglary right up here in this area that we solved because they had a game camera on at their camp'

identified and arrested — as were the perps from one of the Greenwood burglaries. "Spend a couple of hundred dollars and buy a game camera," Gallant said. "They're digital now, they don't set off a flash like the old ones used to."

"We just had a burglary right up here in this area that we solved because they had a game camera on at their camp." When the owner closed the camp, Gallant said, "The guy

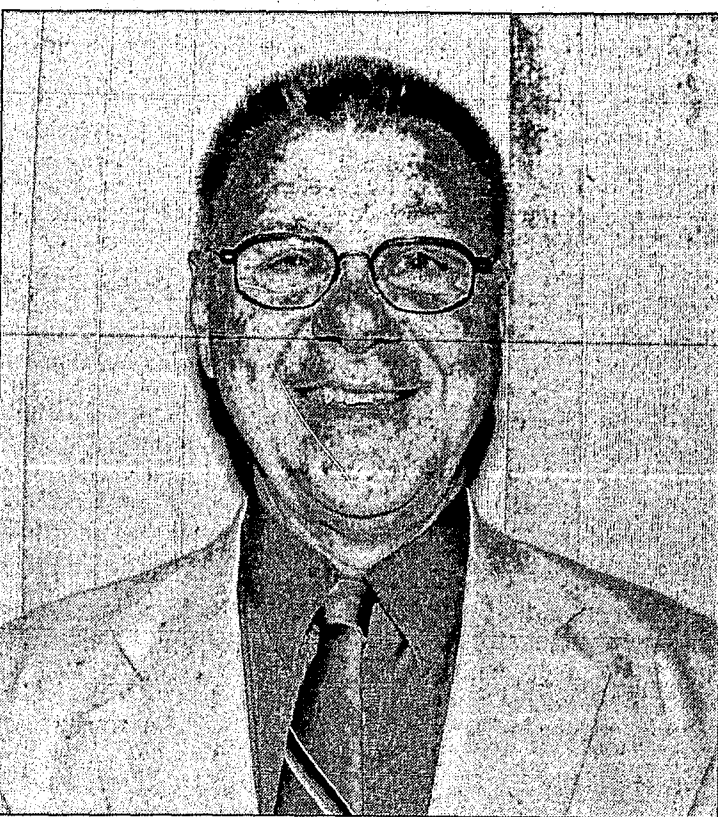
said 'instead of looking at the woods, I'll just turn it to my door.' "We got three good shots of the guys: looking around, one right at the camera, another one trying to pry the door open. "It took us a bit longer to

identify them," he said, "but we had something to go on -- we had pictures. "Those game cameras are ideal. If you've got a game camera hidden in a tree, and they walk into the camp and go home, and we'll get some good shots of them."

Crime Watch Crime Watch programs, which Greenwood is exploring, can also be effective, he said, and getting volunteers is not difficult. "I just tell people 'Come on, somewhere along in your life you wanted to be a fireman or a cop. "We're giving you the opportunity to sniff around, to look around, to be that little investigator and pass that information on to us.' "The community can work together. There's not enough of us out there in law enforcement."

TMS

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Clark Rafford, new principal of TMS.

(Photo: Aloisio)

teacher and assistant principal at nearby Dirigo High School in Dixfield.

"I really like this area," he said.

After the board approved his appointment, Director Marcel Polak noted that with Schroeder, TMS had gotten "on track" to improve student performance. He asked Rafford about his educational philosophy, and to describe specifically what he would consider an "excellent" student.

"I would want each student to be working to maximum ability level," he said, acknowledging the level can be different for individuals.

He also said middle schools must be cognizant of the physical and emotional changes that take place at that age.

"It's a transition time," he said.

Other background

Rafford, a native of Aroostook County, holds a B.A. in education from the University of Maine at Fort Kent, a master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Education.

Administration from the University of New England.

His other experience in the field of education includes serving as an alternative education teacher and an athletic director.

Rafford also served 14 years in the U.S. Air Force, and nine years in the Army National Guard.

He is married and has three adult children.

Teacher transfers

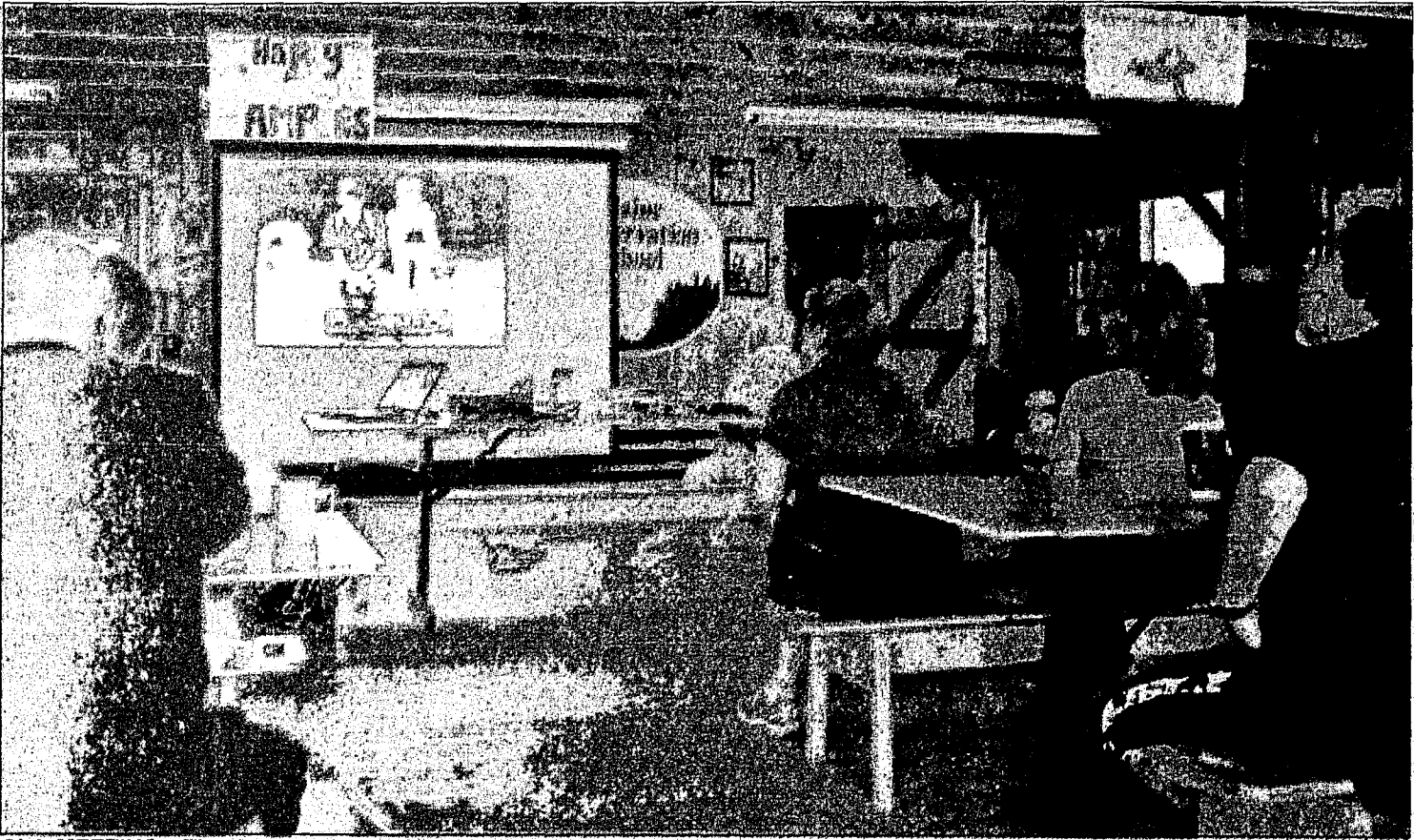
The School Board also approved another staff hiring and several transfers Monday.

Teachers Beth Clarke and Tracy Morin were transferred from the Crescent Park Elementary School to the Andover Elementary School. Clarke will also serve as teaching principal at AES.

Heidi Bullen was hired as a fifth-grade teacher at the Crescent Park Elementary School.

She formerly taught in Kingfield, and has 10 years of teaching experience, as well as experience as an educational technician and in the Title I and Reading Recovery programs.

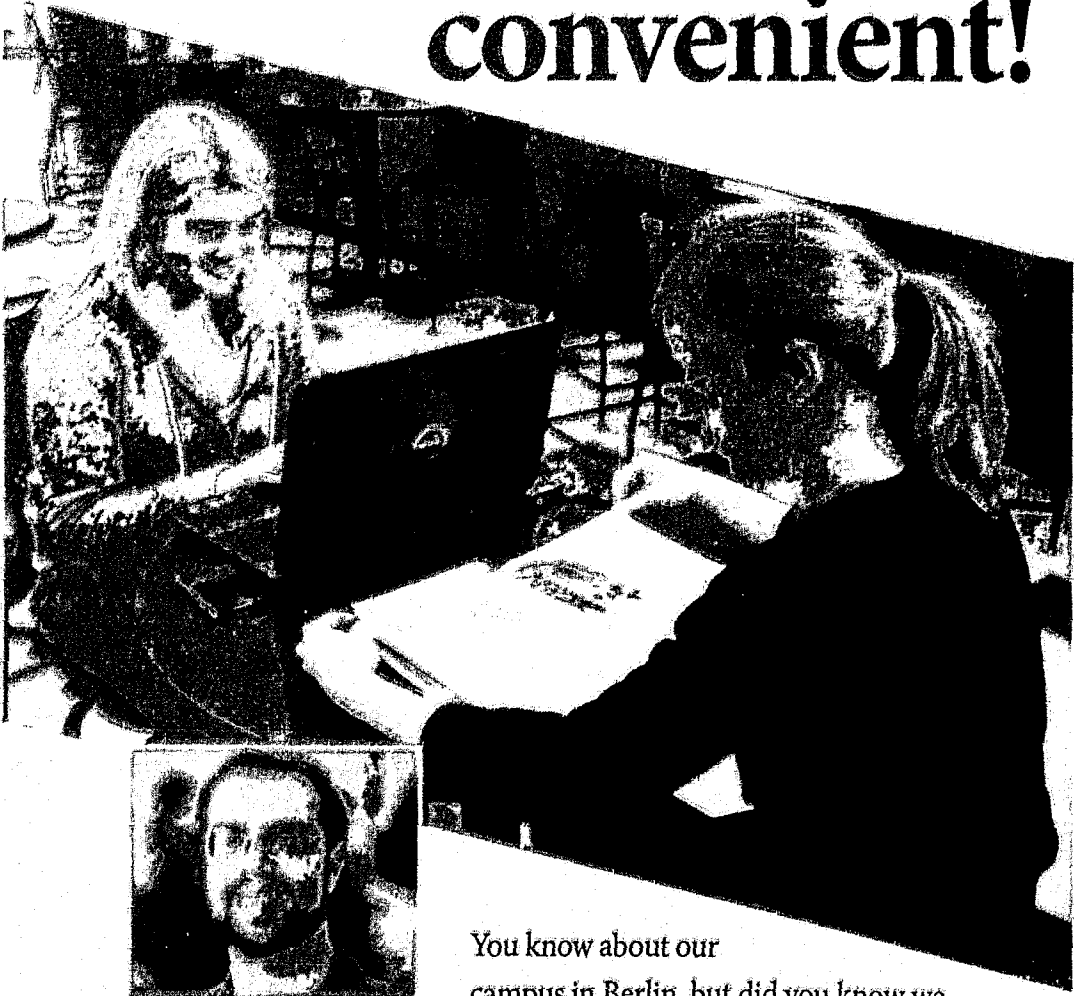
School begins Aug. 31.



CLA MEETING—The Community Lakes Association of Woodstock met Saturday morning at the University of Maine 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond. Members discussed milfoil-control efforts, the threat to lake ecosystems from soils, jet boats and listened to a presentation from conservation educator Susan Jennings, of the camp's efforts to involve children in ongoing efforts to protect Maine's lakes. "If we don't invest in our kids for the future — to understand watershed area, understand water quality, understand what it means to have an invasive plant or invasive species come into your environment — we are going to damage our lakes permanently," Jennings also presented a short video of kids building a milfoil detecting robot, and another, longer video of underwater milfoil removal. To view the videos, go to <http://umaine.edu/bryantpond/lakeside-classroom/> and click on the blue Facebook link.

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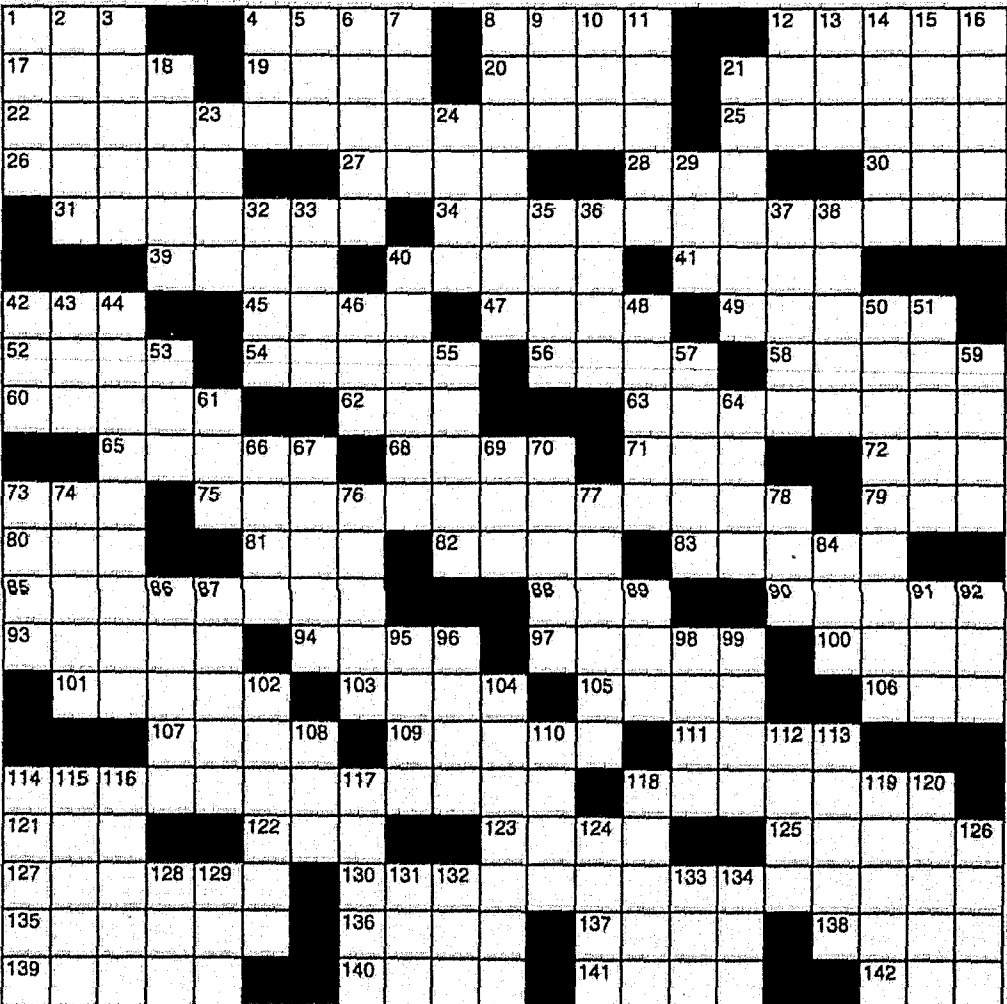
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 - 31 On the nose
 - 34 Skinny novelist?
 - 39 Get on
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 - 42 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
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 - 72 Sgt., e.g.
 - 73 Gamble
 - 75 Extremely encouraging individual?
 - 79 Kitten's comment
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 - 83 Calliope's sister
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 - 118 New Jersey's Pine —
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 - 125 Be of use
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 - 130 Corrupt college official?
 - 135 Acid's opposite
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 - 43 The — Capades
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 - 50 Dentist's fee?
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 - 55 Cook
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 - 59 Chilly powder?
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 - 62 Worker?
 - 64 Swerve
 - 66 Word with pork or karate
 - 67 Toast start
 - 69 Dietary abbr.
 - 70 TV's "Hearts —"
 - 73 Big party
 - 74 Cary of "The Princess Bride"
 - 76 Bit of a beach?
 - 77 Laisurely, to Leoncavallo
 - 78 Team scream
 - 84 Palm oil?
 - 86 Lloyd Webber musical
 - 87 Principle
 - 89 Booker T's group
 - 91 Billy — Williams
 - 92 Fancy planter
 - 95 Slope
 - 96 Cain's victim
 - 98 — breve
 - 99 Bring up
 - 102 Gauguin setting
 - 104 Feminist Gloria
 - 108 Pie
 - 109 Ingredient?
 - 110 Greek sandwich
 - 112 Neighbor of Turkey
 - 113 Variety show
 - 114 Tight
 - 115 Actress
 - 116 Slezak or Alexander
 - 117 Consumer advocate
 - 118 Stocking shade
 - 119 Credulous
 - 120 Indian instrument
 - 124 Way over yonder
 - 126 Director
 - 128 Roller-coaster unit
 - 129 Under the weather
 - 131 Hook's mate
 - 132 Southern constellation
 - 133 Scottish refusal
 - 134 Annoy



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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Swa in's Farm Stand had corn on sale starting last Wednesday, Aug. 3, with their island-grown Seneca Arrowhead corn. They also have new cukes, potatoes and a variety of other vegetables.

The BWD water main which crosses the Androscoggin River at Bethel Outdoor Adventure campground was seen to be breaking the water surface last week due to low water levels in the river.

Friday, a test flight of a Maine comedy central weekend was launched at the Bethel Inn.

Saturday Congo Church members held a successful fundraising auction which raised \$3,500; this event did not require selectmen approval and a visiting minister was auctioneer.

Sunday afternoon the Skylark Jazz Ensemble opened the August Sunday afternoons in the park concerts (at the Gazebo) with beautiful renditions of old-time favorites.

This week and last week Seacoast United Soccer Clubs held camps at Gould Academy for boys last week and girls this week.

MDOT has released its rail study report for comment; the

intercity rail study has extensive reference to Bethel.

Maine Comedy Festival and Golf Tournament

The Maine Comedy Festival and Golf Tournament were brought into being as a destination weekend attraction by Brad Jerome, Bethel Inn, and Ian Harvie, comic director. Mr. Harvie lives and works in California and is the Inn's Web designer. Planning for the weekend event began in March when Mr. Jerome contacted Ian Harvie with the idea. Sixteen comic personalities made up the cast for the weekend program. Bethel's own Leah Bonnema (daughter of Melody and Garret, if you didn't already know) was a cast member.

Comic Festival Stage One was the Bethel Inn Conference Center. The festival shows were seen by about 500 people, of that number some were repeats from earlier shows that same evening. The Saturday charity golf tournament was a fundraiser that featured mixed foursomes of regular golfers and the Comics. Players came to the tournament from a variety of directions for the fun of playing a new version of fun golf. All proceeds from the tournament were dedicated to the Make a Wish Foundation of Maine. The Festival program listed 32 individual and organizational supporters and sponsors. Next year's Comedy Festival weekend is scheduled for Aug. 3-6, 2012.

Brad Jerome said that it was a whole new ballgame when it comes to planning a new destination weekend event. Facebook and Twitter have changed the marketing environment tremendously and much of the response to this event's advertising resulted from promotion via Facebook and Twitter.

A second set of networks flowed from the comics' own friends/followers networking - a very different scheme than the marketing plan used effectively 25 years ago. Mr. Jerome cited one example from the golf tournament when one of the comedian players on seeing the view from the fairways which looked across the valley into the mountains was practically awe struck. Her breath was taken away by the view and the stillness of the morning. On the spot she pulled out her phone and texted her friends about what she had just experienced.

Auction time at the Congregational Church

Saturday at the Congregational Church 97 items were called up for auction. Peggy

Wight had circulated a list of the first 89 donated items. One of the items was an old French telephone set that may have pre-dated Bethel's Van Dyke telephone number era and was probably a survivor of the crank telephone era. I also saw an electric fan that matched one my family used 70 years ago. Another interesting item was -- short hike or rappelling.

Rev. Darren Morgan, Associate Conference Minister, Maine Conference, UCC who lives in Glenburn near Bangor auctioneered the event. Peggy Wight, Dean Walker and Art Marshall manned the accounts receivable table. Amy Davis and Mary June Stryker smilingly guarded the dessert table and many others helped in auction arrangements. The \$3,500 raised by the auction will go to support mission outreach of the church.

Summer Bandstand Concerts begin

After shuttling around to different events over the weekend, my reward was listening to the Skylark Jazz Ensemble on the common Sunday afternoon. They played my cup of tea music and did it very, very well. Unfortunately either the threatening weather or scheduling must take the fall for a disappointingly small audience. Only about 25-30 people were there to enjoy the music. If you had the chance to enjoy an evening at an exclusive night club, intimate, and with a small dance floor, the Skylark group music could not be beat.

The ensemble played and the vocalist, Janet Gill, sang a number of old favorites, like Sentimental Reasons, Let's Fall in Love - and very well. The performance Sunday included a sax/clarinet player who has played with the McLaughlin group I believe. It was an unforgettable way to close out the weekend.

Soccer Camp at Gould

The Seacoast United Soccer Club of Hampton, N.H., has been running a soccer camp for boys and girls at Gould Academy. Last week was a boys' camp and this week is the girls' turn. Soccer students have come here from all the New England states. The camp is an extension of sorts of Seacoast's Grassroots program for young soccer players.

Overall 40 teams are included in the "United" part of Seacoast's organization. While the Grassroots camp focuses on the basics it also provides a mixing bowl for campers to meet and practice with and against a variety other players.

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Operations: In order to operate the service, another train set would be required to be purchased, a layover facility would be required in Bethel, the Portland Transportation Center would need the ability to accommodate two-train berthing, and a bus shuttle would need to be operated between the Auburn Intermodal Passenger Center and downtown Lewiston. These extracts come primarily from the Executive Summary. In the 108 pages there are lots of details and for those interested it is a simple matter of downloading the full document.

Comments on the study's provisions should be sent by e-mail to Susan.Moreau@maine.gov

History Club

For old car fans, the Bethel Historical Society files have something interesting for you. Along with the news of church meetings, grange meetings, new stores, mill fires and the like, the historical library has the story of the automobile tucked away in the newspaper files in microfilm. Most of the interesting stuff turns up in the old newspaper advertisements.

In 1931, for a special edition of the Oxford County Citizen, George Thompson, a well-known Bethel resident and mill manager of those days wrote:

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Wednesday, Aug. 3

At 10:09 a.m. a caller on the West Bethel Road reported a vehicle had cut off his vehicle and then stopped in the middle of the road. Deputy Dennis Ryder and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded but the vehicle, a black with yellow stripe car carrier, could not be located.

At 11:10 a.m. a gas driveoff was reported on the Mayville Road. Deputy Dennis Ryder located the driver, who said he had been talking on the phone and forgot, and will pay for the gas.

Thursday, Aug. 4

At 3:28 p.m. a North Road caller reported people shooting guns in the neighborhood. Deputy Mike Parshall was assigned.

At 9:01 p.m. on Route 2/Songo Pond Road Deputy Matt Noyes arrested Douglas Bell, 49, of Bethel for operating a motor vehicle after suspension, Class E.

Saturday, Aug. 6

At 3:20 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Cross Street for a juvenile who had wandered out of her apartment and who was found by a neighbor. The child had been able to open the door while the parents were sleeping.

Sunday, Aug. 7

At 9:55 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the North Road for an animal call, but the incident was handled by the animal control officer prior to his arrival. A dog had become entangled in its chain and the neighbors could not help the animal because it was so upset. The owner arrived at the same time as the ACO.

Monday, Aug. 8

At 6:57 a.m. Deputy Dani Welch and Cpl. Chancey Libby arrested Kyle Gordon, 24, of Gilead on Swan Hill on a warrant for failure to appear/misuse of identification.

At 9:58 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder and Cpl. Chancey Libby responded to Route 2 for a report of an intoxicated subject in the road. The subject was warned to stay out of the road.

At 10:36 a.m. a West Bethel Road caller reported an intoxicated subject in front of the residence, and wanted him taken to jail for public intoxication. The subject was given a criminal trespass warning.

Oxford County Jail:

Aug. 7, 11:45 a.m.: Scott A. Hart, 32, of Bethel, burglary; by Deputy Dennis Ryder in Bethel.

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Some of the advertisements I copied start in 1922 in Bethel with "Herrick and Cobb, agents - Ford Coupe, Price \$580 F.O.B. Detroit. Two-Passenger, standard equipment includes Ford Starting and Lighting System, Demountable rims, non-skid tires all around, extra rim and tire carrier.

And there were accidents like today but with different cars. This one was in the September 1922 news:

AUTOMOBILE GOES OVER BANK

Sunday afternoon Mr. R. T. Parker and party of Rumford escaped serious injury when their car went through the fence at the corner of Church and Railroad streets and went over the bank landing at the abutments of the overhead railroad bridge but for this fact the car would have tipped over and the extent of injuries might have proved fatal. As it was no one was seriously injured. Mr. Parker in attempting to avoid a collision with another car put his car through the fence.

Another Ad: this one is June 10, 1927, Oxford County Advertiser: Summer time is New Car time. Enjoy a Buick now. Pictured is a Buick touring car with the top down. Norway Buick Company, Norway, Maine.

A 1923 ad in the Citizen for Chevrolet Roadster: Crockett's Garage, Bethel, advertised the Roadster as having lower mileage costs due to reduced passenger capacity. This one was available for \$510 FOB Flint, Michigan.

A 1927 Ad in the Advertiser for Studebakers was posted for W F Knight Co, Norway, Maine. Studebaker offers the Erskine Six new 2.5 liter car in 4 Body Styles. This one was \$945 to \$955; Studebakers had four wheel brakes and bumpers front and rear. The Commander got 17 1/4 miles per gallon.

In 1947 Bennett's Garage, Bethel, Maine was

advertising the new Chevrolet sedan. World champion Valve-in-Head design.

So if you are looking for old car pictures or advertising, who, what, when and where, the old newspapers have a lot of interesting stuff, they have interesting listings of farm equipment, too.

Coming Events

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 12 and 13, the Bethel Historical Society summer Heritage Day program is on.

Sunday, Aug. 14, the Maine State Triathlon (swim, bike and run) starts at 9 a.m. at Songo.

Sunday, Aug. 14, at 4 p.m., the second concert program - artists Jewel Clark and Don Katlin.

Monday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m., the Bethel Board of Selectmen meet. Although the agenda is not out yet, this meeting is scheduled to announce appointments to an Ad Hoc Committee on Natural Gas.

Sunday Aug. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bethel Regional Airport First Annual Fly-in; rain date Aug. 28.

Sunday, Aug. 21, at 4 p.m., the third concert of the month, Blue Willow Band.

Thursday, Aug. 25, to Saturday, Aug. 27, Annual Trappers' Weekend at Neil Olson's, East Bethel.

From Nancy Brown:

This part of Maine is a perfect spot to view the Perseid meteor showers, which occur this week. The meteor shower peak is Aug. 13. The Perseid meteor shower is named for the constellation Perseus, which is located in the sky where the meteors appear to originate from. However, the source of the meteors is actually debris from the comet Swift-Tuttle. Each year when the Earth passes through the debris field, the Earth's atmosphere appears to be assaulted by what we call "shooting stars." If the weather is clear, it is sometimes possible to see as many as 60 meteors an hour in the northeast sky. This year there is a full moon on Aug. 13, so some of the fainter meteors may not be visible to the naked eye. The best place to view the meteor shower is somewhere dark, away from light pollution and with the moon out of your field of vision.

Tickets are still available for the Bethel Library quilt raffle. The quilt, which was

created and donated by the Cross Country Quilters, is on display at the library on Broad Street. Raffle tickets are available at the library for a donation of \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. On most weekends raffle tickets are also available outside the Bethel Foodliner at a table, which is staffed by Lucia Schwarz or Caroline Gould. The quilt drawing will be held at Harvest Fest on Saturday, Sept. 17.

This area has an abundance of art shows and festivals throughout the summer and fall. Coming up is the Moore Park Art Show on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Moore Park on Route 26 in South Paris. The art show features work by local artists and artisans and live entertainment throughout the day. The rain date is Sunday, Aug. 14.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the Bethel Bandstand Free Concert Series 2011 will feature local performers Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin. This series of concerts, sponsored by the Mahosuc Arts Council, takes place every Sunday in August at 4 p.m. on the Bethel Common. The concerts are free. You need to bring a chair or blanket to sit on. If it rains, the concerts are moved indoors at Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street. Do you have news that you'd like to share? Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2493.

West Bethel

By LORRIE HOEH

It's hot and humid again on Monday afternoon as I write this. Just finished picking about two pounds of green beans, a dozen cucumbers, and several summer squash. The beetles are relentless, and I keep dropping them into a coffee can. I'm told that application of milky spore on the lawn will help to eliminate the grubs which become the adult beetles. Anything's worth a try.

Many thanks to Debby Luxton, who sent me a nice, newsy e-mail about her family's latest doings. Debby flew to North Carolina a

couple of weeks ago to see her sons and their families, staying for five days. She says it was wonderful, the weather was great, and she was able to make use of the swimming pools that both families have.

Debby's son Wade works for the Nascar Truck series, and they had a race on Friday afternoon that week. Debby and daughter-in-law Kim saw Wade's driver win the race! She was very excited and needless to say, busting her buttons with pride for her son. A few days later, it was time to return to Maine with son Adam's three oldest children accompanying her. This was the children's first time flying, so it was a great adventure for them. They arrived home about 9:15 that Sunday night, and started Vacation Bible School the next morning at Pleasant Valley Bible Church. Everyone was very busy for that week, and the youngsters loved the Vacation Bible School.

Sounds as if the Luxtons' garden is producing prodigiously, so friends and relatives helped with the harvest of beans, raspberries, and blueberries. The crew went to the Gray Animal Park one day and spent lots of time outdoors at the homestead. Adam, Katrina, and their two youngest arrived by car on Friday and have been visiting in the area. Adam plans to compete in the Bethel Chamber Triathlon this Sunday, happy to be here for his "home" crowd.

Adam is quite a biker and recently took part in a 104-mile ride/race up through the mountains of North Carolina. More details to come.

Friends of David and Debby have moved back to Newry after having been away on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for 18 years. David has been doing renovations on Rick and Mary McVey's house in Newry, where they have been happily ensconced since Rick's retirement from the Forest Service last December. Debby says only people from the Upper Peninsula would be happy to move to Maine in January!

Their house has been a rental during the time they were "away," and a cavalcade of tenants had caused some wear and tear on things, so as soon as they unpacked, they started tearing out the insides of the home. However, things are now looking quite wonderful. Debby says it's also great having them back at the Pleasant Valley Church.

Debby adds that her oldest granddaughter, Regan, has been working for her and David, taking care of dogs and puppies, and helping all around. This has been a real blessing, seeing that currently

they have a four-week-old litter of five chocolate Labs and four blacks, not to mention the 15 dogs that live there. As Debby said in her note, that's plenty of dogs, and plenty of news! And I thank her for the news!

As a former English teacher, I have a pet peeve that I would like to comment on. It seems that in several books I have read and enjoyed in recent months, the various authors (or their editors) had no clue as to the difference between the verbs "lie" and "lay."

"Lie" means to recline (note the "i" in both words; "lay" means to put or place (note the "a" in "lay" and "place").

The principal parts of "lie" are lie, lay, lain. Today I lie on the sofa; yesterday I lay on the sofa; many times I have lain on it. "Lay," on the other hand, is a transitive verb and takes a direct object. Its principal parts are lay, laid, laid. Every day my hen lays an egg; yesterday she laid an egg; during the past week she has laid seven eggs. Well, that's the lesson for the day. Glad I got that off my mind.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Here we are, another hot and humid week has gone by. School will start up the end of the month, so many parents can enjoy the air-conditioned stores doing the school shopping.

Many of you most likely already heard that the Woodstock Tigers are the Champions! Coach Echoo Corliss told me it was a real close game, with Otisfield taking the lead at first, but the girl did a great job and took the lead, winning the game 7 to 5, thus also finishing a perfect season with 13 wins and no losses. Congratulations, girls, you are an awesome team! The older girls also won 14 to 1. Echoo says thank you to the girls and parents for this great season. On Sunday they had their Softball Party at Echoo's which included trophies, a BBQ, and swimming in the pool.

Mona Coolidge graduated Adult Ed and received her GED from Telstar. She is very happy. Congratulations, Mona. Eva and John Coolidge had a celebration party for her Saturday evening.

Paige Crockett and Ann Crockett are working on Vacation Bible School at the Bethel Alliance Church.

Arlene Harrington told me that she enjoyed Friday and Saturday evening at Andover Olde Home Day. When she was

telling this she was sitting in her dooryard with her sister Charmaine Cote.

The news from the Alder River Grange is that the meeting had to be rescheduled to Aug. 26.

Please, be sure to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net. with your news. I always love hearing from everyone.

Here now is the answer to the Trivia: In 1955 (Locke Mills), 1956 (West Bethel), and 1957 (Bethel) were converted to dial phones. In the beginning, the three exchanges were known by names. If you imagine the phone number pad you'll see what the names entail. Locke Mills was TRemont 5 or 875, West Bethel was TErrace 6 or 836 and Bethel was VANDyke 4 or 824. At that time they were commonly called TREMONT, TERRACE, and VANDYKE.

Wishing everyone a great week.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Olde Home Day was a huge success. About 250 people gathered for the Friday evening band concert on the common. Saturday's festivities saw one of the largest crowds we have had in many years. The weather was ideal and every vendor spot on the common was filled. Results of various contests will be submitted by others; however, I can tell you the huge dog raffle at the First Congregational Church was won by Joe Luce and the life-size moose went to Brock Jolicoeur.

The stippled picture of the two boys looking out of the covered bridge which was created by Diana Wells Jackson was won by the Deans who own the former Amidon house on the Cross Road.

Sale of raffle tickets for that item netted the Andover Educational Fund over \$2,300. Prints of this picture were presented to various supporters of the Ed Fund by outgoing President Sharon Hutchins and included Steve and Becky Hudspeth, John and Judy Fox and Bob and Janet Spidell and others.

Saturday, Aug. 13, is Contractor's Day at our local elementary school. Calvary Bible Church will be providing the luncheon and the First Congregational Church will serve breakfast. After a hard day of work,

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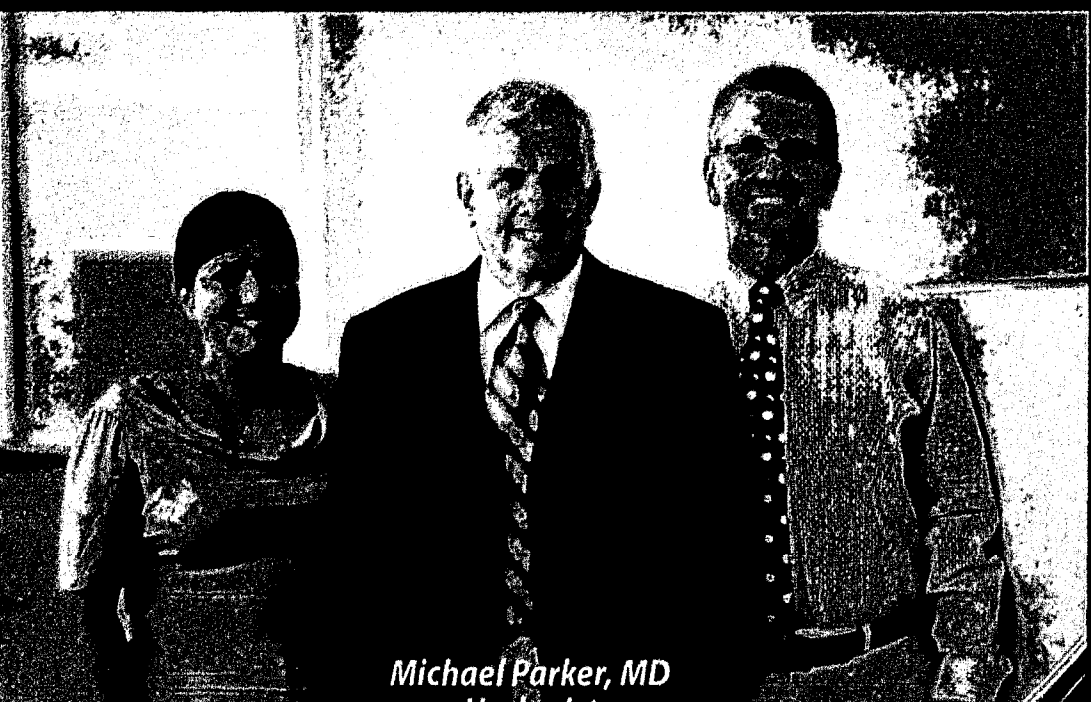
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all those involved in this project, as well as the rest of the community, are invited to a variety show at the First Congregational Church. If you've been to one of these before, then you know you're in for a great evening of local entertainment. All proceeds from the project will go to the Food Pantry which serves your neighbors not only here in Andover, but also in Upton, Roxbury and Byron.

Andover's sixteenth photo contest was held Aug. 6 in the Town Hall. There were 390 photos exhibited. This number is 76 more than last year, and a record number. The contest was competitive as usual and Chairman Angelo Kaitos says "very professional." Angelo's goal over the last 15 years has been to have the same number of entries as Fryeburg Fair and he achieved that this year.

Maine towns contributing: Albany, Andover, Bethel, Carthage, Hanover, Hartford, Mexico, Peru, Readfield, Roxbury, Rumford, South Portland, and Turner. Other states contributing: California, Georgia, and Washington. Over one hundred and ninety ribbons were awarded.

Major Winners:
-Best of Show - John Walker (13 years old), Bethel
-Landscape Grand Prize: Corinna Roy, Roxbury and Blanche Lyons, Mexico
-Animal Grand Prize - Karen Ellis, Mexico
-Portrait Grand Prize - Paula Lee, Andover
-Black and White Grand Prize - Kala Peebles, Carthage
-11-16 Grand Prize - John Walker, Bethel
-10 years and under Grand Prize - Alek Gorman, Peru

Angelo would like to thank Tim Akers of Andover, Kelly and Ray Lyons, and Blanche Lyons of Mexico for helping to collect and distribute photos to their proper tables. Thanks also to David Belanger, Casey McDounough, and John Foster for setting the photos for viewing. John Foster, David Belanger, Bruce Simmons, and Brad Thibideau for monitoring during the exhibiting hours. Savanna Sessions and Susan Merrow for typing and printing the names. Gratitude to Tim Akers for disassembling the exhibit.

Andover and the Olde Home Day Committee want to thank all the photography participants and viewers, but particularly Angelo

Kalstos who has chaired this event since its inception. The 2011 exhibit is the last Angelo will be judging and he wishes to thank all who have made it happen over the years.

Polly and Dick Johnston have been enjoying their annual visit to Maine by visiting relatives and friends. Dick's cousin, Jeff Brown from Boothbay Harbor joined them and their daughter Julie Merrill for lunch one day. Julie was 13 the last time she saw Jeff, who was 16 at the time. We won't reveal how old they are now. The Johnstons and yours truly did their annual pilgrimage to the Far East Restaurant in Mexico last Tuesday. Dick and Polly have visited several times with Roger and Dotie Mills.

The two couples square danced together many years ago and have remained good friends. Polly, who is notorious for winning ribbons, entered items in both the photo contest and flower show and, of course, took several ribbons.

One of their other daughters, Joye Reier, arrived on the 5th from Spanaway, Wash., to visit with family and friends in the area. Polly had the pleasure of signing her book "Once Upon A Memory" at a forum at Bosebuck Camps along with three other authors whose writings include stories of that area. Each author gave a talk about their book and memories of Bosebuck. Polly said she hadn't done any public speaking since high school.

The weather there that day was perfect with the beautiful blue sky that we associate with the lakes.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Even though rain on a Sunday is not the best thing, it was welcomed by the garden.

It was one day that Hugh did not have to go out and water the tomatoes and cucumbers.

Steve and Lise McLain received word from their son, Major Stephen McLain, that he had made it back to Stravenger, Norway. There was one thing that I forgot to mention last week when Stephen was here and visited the Lary Cemetery where his Grammy Mildred McLain is buried. He also visited the site where his other grandmother, Edna Dupont, is buried. Both grave sites are close to each

other in the back corner of the cemetery.

Last Thursday night, I attended the SAD 44 Adult and Continuing Education graduation ceremony. There were six graduates that were able to attend along with their family and friends. There were five others who completed their GED throughout the year, but have moved on and could not make the celebration.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday and dropped off some more of those delicious blackberries. He also had some yellow beans, zucchini and yellow squash. We had a great meal that night.

We have been busy picking a few cucumbers and trying to get enough to make the old-fashioned sour pickles. We just tried the ones that we put in the brine a couple of weeks ago and they were nice and sour, just the way they should be.

Hugh and I went to Gorham last Sunday and stopped at Tim and Michele's house to visit for a while. There were only two of the grandchildren, William and Sidney, at home. William showed us the bike rack that he helped his dad build.

Hugh and I celebrated our 45th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6.

We got a phone call from our grandson, Benjamin Chapman. He completed his three weeks at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. During that time, they could not use their phones or computers, so he has been out of touch with everyone. The only form of communications allowed was written letters. He seems quite positive about his experience and is looking forward to attend school for a year in Georgia and return to Connecticut next summer.

Planning Board
The Planning Board met last Thursday, Aug. 4. They had

one person who submitted a building permit. The Town Clerk attended the meeting to swear in the two newest members, Susie Dixon and Darlene Beck. Susie replaces Jack Pucak since his term was up and Darlene is finishing the term for Len Strait since he moved. Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



Several days ago we were walking by a wooded area when we glanced up. There it was, hanging on a

high branch.

It was a purple thing. We examined it as closely as possible from 20 feet below. It was triangular in shape and about three feet long. It seemed to attract a bunch of bugs that had stuck to the outside. Just to rule out that it was not something from outer space we did some research to find out more about it.

The Maine Department of Agriculture provided an answer. The purple things have been placed in many areas in Maine to help find the emerald ash borer that was described as a serious threat to ash trees in Maine and across the continent. The small borers originally from Asia can kill ash trees very quickly. Infestations have been found in New York, Ontario and Quebec. It is best to leave the purple things where they are. It is said they are not harmful to people but tend to be very sticky.

Visiting with Bob and Peggy Susbury this week is their daughter Sarah from Virginia. She arrived with her new dog, Cassy. It is the first time

for Sarah to vacation in Maine in about 10 years. She is employed by the Virginia Department of Education and usually works while schools are closed, but this year she decided to come to Maine.

Rumford Grange has prepared prizes to be raffled off during the November annual craft fair. Raffle tickets may be obtained at ANA in Rumford and the House of Beauty in Mexico and give purchasers chances to try for many great items. The Rumford Grange had a regular meeting on Aug. 6 that included an inspection by the State Deputy.

Rumford Grange will host a public smothered-beef dinner on Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Rumford Center Grange Hall. The meal includes potatoes, vegetables, pies, coffee, tea and other drinks. The meal begins at noon and ends at 1:30 p.m. Takeouts available.

A committal service for May Sanford will take place at Hanover Cemetery on Wednesday, Aug. 17, at 2 p.m. Mrs. Sanford was from Natick, Mass., and had grown up in Hanover. She was 98 when she died last May.

Have you noticed how quickly the gardens have developed this summer? All at once everyone is picking string beans, corn, cucumbers and other delicious garden fresh foods. Some folks are as busy as can be canning beans, making pickles and relish.

One old fellow was looking through his squash and pumpkin vines trying to find his zucchini patch.

When he found them the location was at the opposite side of the garden and the zucchini had grown to an enormous size. They are being converted into zucchini relish and pickles.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



Happy August! Oh wow, can you believe that the end of summer is already here?

Here in Newry, we are celebrating with fresh veggies from the gardens. Our gardens are bursting out of their raised beds, runners trailing out across the yard in every direction. I won't complain but I am having a hard time keeping ahead of the zucchini, they grow overnight! We pick 5 or 6 every day and proceed to load them into the vehicle to be delivered to whomever we chance to see along our way to where ever it is we're going.

Norman Davis opened his farm stand several weeks ago. There are a variety of veggies picked fresh daily. This week there are cukes and zucchini and a few ripe tomatoes. Norman is known to try out a new and unique vegetable each year. This year he is growing a variety of heirloom tomato that is shaped like a plumb-bob. The top stays green-tinged while the rest reddens to a lush yumminess. I can't wait to try one! The fresh, cut your own herbs are back again this year. There are scissors provided, just a few snips and, wha-laa - super delish dinner dish! Thanks Norman! And just a reminder from the stand, after covering the costs of seeds, go to the Bethel Library.

Andover Olde Home Days was last weekend. Amber and I rounded up our kiddos and made the trek across the

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notch for the day's events.

We had intended to actually make the parade this year but we were unsuccessful because we were picking flowers for the floral arrangement judging. However, after being stung by a bee, we discovered that we were in fact too late for that too! So we carried our lovely vases full of pretty posies into the house and just plain left. If we hadn't I don't know if we ever would have made it out of Newry. My main goal for the day was to participate in the Skillet Toss. It was new this year and was a well-attended event! Kaiya and I joined the roster and even Amber signed up; I was so proud of her! The contest was broken up into age brackets and we were throwing in with the 30-45 year-olds, Kaiya, in with the 13-18 year-olds. There was one woman about my age who looked all business. She was tanned, muscled and had impressively broad shoulders. She was going to be competition! When she stepped up and hucked that skillet with the greatest of ease well past the 50-foot mark, Amber and I looked at each other and knew that it was all over but the crying. None of the previous contenders had broken 50 feet!

Soon after was my turn. I used my limited track skills and threw that skillet on down the line. 51 feet, 8 inches! Hooray, I hadn't tripped or clocked anyone, or ever fouled! I was just two feet from catching the Herculean-Berry. My second throw was just a bit shy of the first throw so I took second place. Amber stepped up, dressed to the nines and wound that skillet down into third place! Kaiya took fourth in her age group and nothing thrilled me more than to watch my little girl participating without fear. We had a great day! So

COSMOSIS HOOPS

Three Bethel area friends who love hula hooping have teamed up to create hand-decorated hoops for fitness and dancing. "Cosmosis Hoops" offers hoops in multiple sizes and weights, including water-weighted. The hoops may be purchased at the Nabos shop in Philbrook Place, Bethel. Custom hoops may be ordered through the Cosmosis Hoops Facebook page, or by calling 824-8694. Pictured here at the Bethel gazebo with some of their hoops are, from left: Dara Turgeon, Cathy Lane and Hayley Tanguay. (Photo: A. Aloisio)



the news caption was to read: "Newry Girls make good in Andover" photo to follow of the three of us, posed and decorated with ribbons.

I would like to know people's thoughts on the new tax rate - something to talk about for next week's column? Please contact me if you'd like to share your comments, ideas or news- sabcar@gmail.com or the good ole' fashioned way 824-0836.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



I have been informed that Carol Norman is now the librarian for Upton. As soon as I receive any information about her schedule and plans for the library, I will pass it along. Welcome

Carol and good luck.

Melanie Farmer and Pauline Matthews stayed a couple days with Laurie Brown last week. They also attended the annual artists' convention in Lube. Pauline is related to the Angevine family and lived in Upton part of her childhood.

The Bobby Thompson camp was busy this past week. Several friends and family came to visit and the campfire pit was used almost every night.

Only slightly more than a week before Upton Fun Days. We hope you join us for the food and fun. I believe that the Ladies Aid Association has some vendor sites still available. For more information call Carol at 533-2028 or e-mail her at smilinggabby@yahoo.com, or contact Charlotte at 533-2061 or e-mail her at pepidom@megalink.net. The Upton Historical Soci-

ety's next meeting will be Sunday, Aug. 14, at 1 p.m. in the school. They will have a workshop before the meeting, starting at 10 a.m. The purposes of the workshop are to clean, work on the shelves, and set up displays in the school both upstairs and down. Please try to be there for one or both. Ideas and help are needed and welcome. The tickets are in for the tour of the homes of Louise Dickinson Rich, Carry Road, Upton, and the surrounding area. The tour includes round-trip transportation from Upton, guided tours, a box lunch, an opportunity to enjoy spectacular views and to touch a little of Upton's history. For more information send an e-mail to uptonthistorical@gmail.com, call Charlotte 533-2061, e-mail her at pepidom@megalink.net, call Joe 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com., or write to Upton

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Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last week while niece Elsie was working in the Locke Mills Maine Line Products store, the parking lot filled up with motorcycles. She filled the coffee maker with fresh coffee, and phoned the store in Bethel to talk to Sue Farnham there.

"I've just been invaded by the Hell's Angels. What do I do now? Sue told her the Hog riders were probably just taking a break and not many of them would come into the store. Turns out, only two custom-

ers came in, and Elsie counted 38 motorcycles as they drove off!

Three Sundays ago pastor John Williams at the West Bethel Church talked to the children about mustard seeds and how they were among the smallest of all seeds.

There were several questions about mustard seeds and what kind of tree they grew on. The children were intrigued and were talking animatedly as they went downstairs to Sunday school. They told Sunday school teachers Lydia Grover and Amy Hanscom they wanted to make a mustard tree and present it to pastor Williams the next Sunday. Discouraged about the impracticality of hanging mustard seeds on their tree, they decided to hang cutout pictures of mustard jars on the branches of the small tree skeleton normally used to hang Easter eggs on.

The next Sunday, when John announced the children's moment and called out, "Come on down!" the children all stood up and marched out the front door of the church, leaving John with an astonished look on his face in front of the altar! They soon re-entered carrying their mustard tree with its mustard jars, each labeled with the name of one of the usual church attendees. The entire congregation and pastor John got a great laugh out of this production!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is August and the morning feels more like June, but the afternoons feel like the dog days. Go figure! In any case, Tasha is

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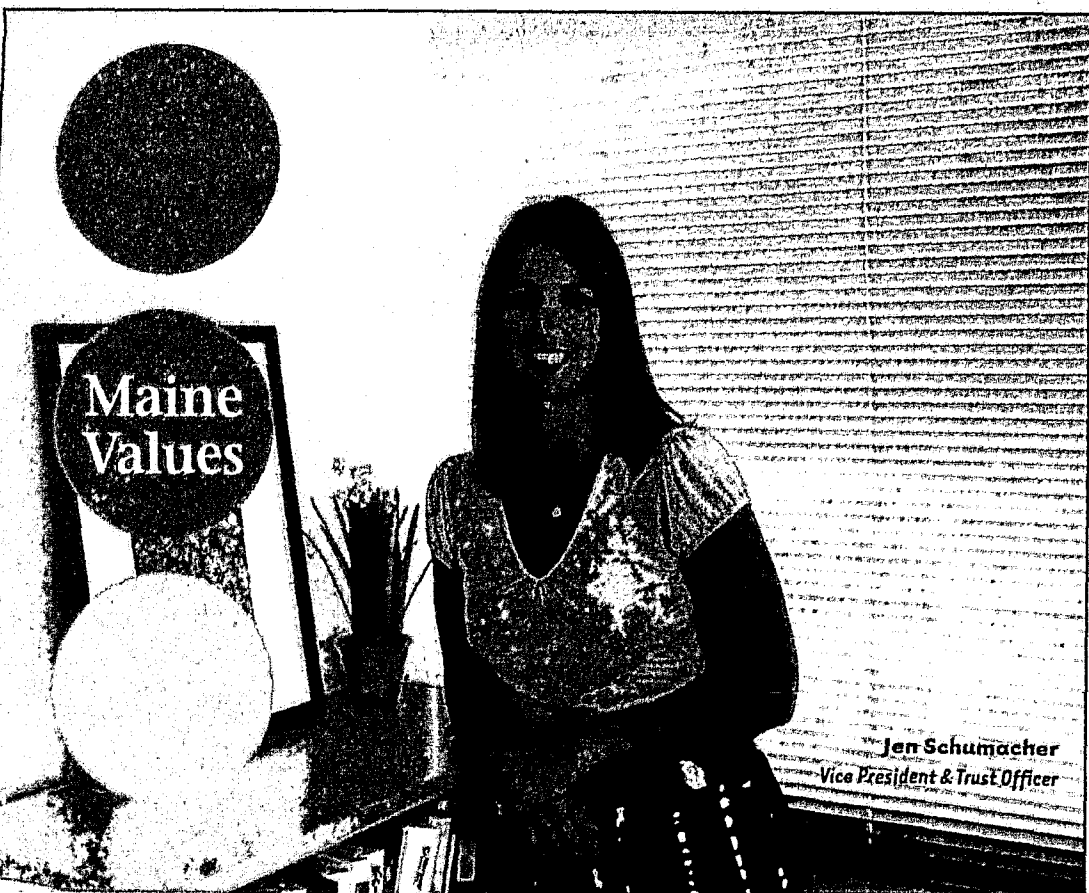
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happy the nights are still warm and takes advantage by sleeping out on the porch. We spend a lot of time there, too.

The bugs aren't as bad and it is cooler for being out of the sun. Last weekend's heat might be a thing of the past, but I don't think so. I think we will still have our share of hot days.

This being the second week of August, there is much to enjoy, Friday, in Albany at the Town House, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Vintage Aprons by the late Alice Kimball will be shown and raffled off. There will be a luncheon. Reservations are requested. 824-2305. Both men and women are invited.

On Thursday, the 11th, ACA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. FMI call 739-9115.

Friday and Saturday, Bethel Historical Society will sponsor Heritage Days with a lecture on Friday and exhibit and open house tour. FMI call 824-2308.

Sunday, Waterford World's Fair meeting to report on the fair.

All department heads and chairpersons are expected to report. Planning for next year's event will occur.

Sunday at 4 p.m. Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin will perform on the Bethel Common as part of the free summer band concerts. Bring a chair or blanket. FMI call 824-3575.

That is all for this week. Enjoy these last weeks before school starts up again.

West Paris

By JOYCE LAMB



Summer is here at its hottest. Most days are pleasant with sun and usually a nice breeze.

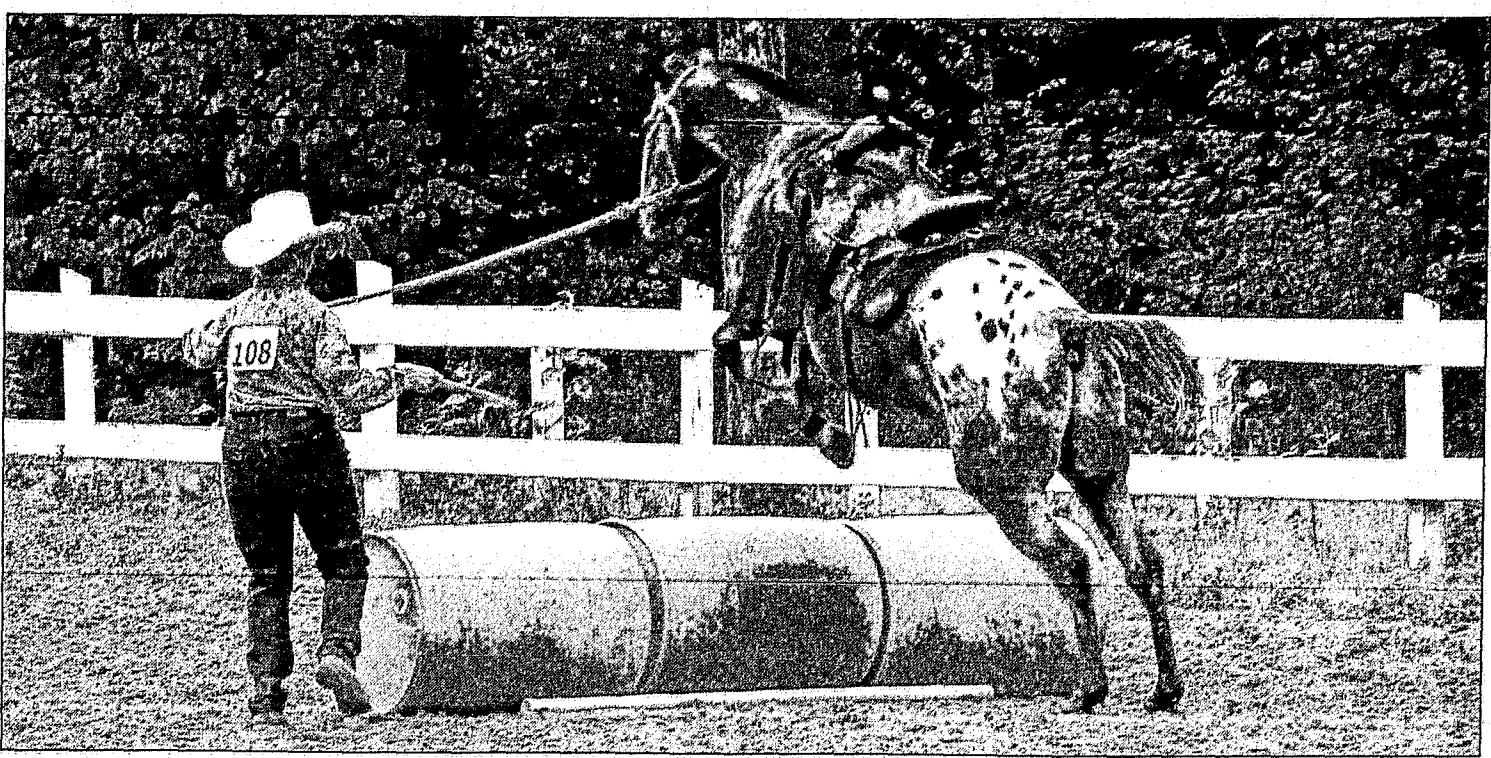
It is vacation time for many and this includes myself. Son Joe and wife Micki and their son - my grandson, picked me up on their way to Rangeley Lake from Athens, Ohio. Several family members were also there. Daughter Jude and her husband, Rob Collins, came from Lamoine. Peggy Lamb and her husband Mike of Augusta came with lots of home-grown vegetables.

Jude is the family genealogist, so several visited two cemeteries to check on names and dates. Pictures of the stones were taken to authenticate the material she had gathered in the past. She talked with people at the Historical Society. They knew a lot and could give us information about the many Lambs for several generations past.

Kenneth Lamb and daughters, Carolyn and Catherine, visited during the week.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, the Rev. Howard McMullin will conduct the service at the West Summer Universalist Church at 11 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. All are welcome.

Muffin was glad to have me return home. The Waltons take good care while I am away, and I look after their cats when they have a vacation.



ELLIS RIVER WINNERS—Deb Cayer of Andover and her horse Morning Son took first place in In-Hand Horsemanship at the Ellis River Riders open show on Sunday. The Ellis River Riders held two shows last weekend as part of the Andover Olde Home Days events. There was a game show Saturday night under the lights at their arena on Airport Road, just off Route 5, in Andover. The club is in its 26th year this season with many events including gymkhana, open shows, trail rides and other festivities. The next shows are over Labor Day weekend with an open show Sept. 3 and a game show Sept. 4. Both events begin at 9 a.m. and are open to the public and free to spectators. The food booth is an inexpensive way to enjoy home-cooked food while enjoying the event. Plans are underway to host a barbecue and lobster feast Sept. 3, which will be open to the public.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Monday, Aug. 1, Franklin Grange 124 met at the Grange Hall for agriculture night. Master Richard Felt was in charge of the program. Guests from Rumford Grange attended. State CWA officer Vicki Clark was welcomed. An interesting program was held. Guest speaker was Norman Lewis, Game Warden and

his dog, Clyde. He explained how Clyde was trained to find missing people and find evidence in some cases. Also on the program was music by Laura and Cack Bean and then Richard Felt joined them. Laura read a poem that had been written by the late Russell Yates about the old country mailman, who happened to be my grandfather, Arthur Andrews. There was a roll call about memories of horses you might have. More music and closing thought. Next meeting is Aug. 15. Services at the Baptist

Church are Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., morning worship service at 10:30 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening is prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There is no Daughters of Union Veterans meeting this month.

In September there will be a picnic with meeting and flag retirement. Place to be announced.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Leslie Thurlow.

Historical Society
Many books had been added to those that people can take

for free. Please note that society meetings are usually the second Saturday of every month at 6 p.m. The museum will close the second Saturday in August. Thanks to all who watched it and all who came.

When Larry Billings watched the museum on July 23 there were three people in and a nice lady from Peru area gave a photo of a pump in front of the Bryant Homestead.

Rebecca Ricker recently had a birthday. Best wishes Becky!

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Tips from SAD 44
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As summer days grow shorter, communities across America will soon be observing that timeless annual ritual: the first day of school. It's a time when parents breathe a sigh of relief and students and teachers anticipate new beginnings and new challenges.

Unfortunately, the beginning of school is also a time when children are at increased risk of transportation related injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes because there are many more children on the road each morning and afternoon and many driver's patterns change.

Shorter daylight hours make it especially difficult to see young pedestrians and bicyclists. So as schools open their doors, it's time for everyone, motorists, parents, educators, and students to improve their traffic safety practices. The following tips can help make this a safe and happy school year for the whole community.

Tips for Motorists

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits
- Always stop for a school bus that has stopped to load or unload passengers. Red flashing lights and extended stop arm tell you the school bus is stopped to load or unload children. State law requires

you to stop.

- Be alert and ready to stop. Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops. Watch for children arriving late for the bus, who may dart into the street without looking for traffic. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch for children walking or biking to school.

- When driving in neighborhoods or school zones, watch for young people who may be in a hurry to get to school and may not be thinking about getting there safely.

Tips for Parents

- Help your children learn and practice the safety rules for walking, bicycling, or riding in a passenger car or school bus.

- Supervise young children as they are walking or biking to school or as they wait at the school bus stop.

- Be a good role model, especially when you are with your kids. Always buckle up in the car, always wear a helmet when biking, and always follow pedestrian safety rules.

Tips for Educators

- Teach young children the safety rules for traveling to school, whether it be walking, bicycling, or riding in a motor vehicle or on a school bus.

- Support any "Getting to School Safely" activities sponsored by your school, PTA/PTO, or other community organizations.

- Be a good role model. Always use your seatbelt, wear a helmet when bicycling or riding a motorcycle.

Tips for Students

- Always buckle up when

you're riding in a car.

- Always ride in the back seat. It's the safest place for young people.

- Always wear a helmet and follow traffic safety rules when riding your bike.

- If you ride a bus, learn and practice the safety rules for waiting at the bus stop, getting on and off the bus, and riding the bus.

- If you walk to school, learn and practice the safety rules for pedestrians. Always, cross at cross walks, obey all traffic signs, traffic lights and safety patrol instructions.

- Be a good role model for younger brothers and sisters and friends, and help them learn and practice the safety rules.

Children and railroad tracks

People of all ages are fascinated with trains. We have all seen a small child's delight at playing "choo choo" and we have all been captivated by the colorful cars of a passing freight or passenger train at one time or another. Unfortunately, though, this fondness and familiarity, along with the desire to "short cut" across the tracks, rather than use a public crossing can often lead children to walk or play on or near railroad tracks, where they risk serious injuries or even death. Tragically, over the past ten (10) years, more than 844 children under the age of 16 were killed and nearly 2,864 children were injured at railroad crossings.

What Are The Dangers?

The primary danger to young children (and many who are older) is the fact that

the railroad environment (tracks, yards, trains, etc.) is far more dangerous than it looks. The public does not belong on railroad property; it is dangerous and illegal for children to walk along railroad tracks or yards, or to cross tracks anywhere other than at an established public crossing.

Another contributing factor is their belief that they will hear an oncoming train long before it gets to them (trains are big and loud, right). This is wrong! Many modern locomotives run very quietly, particularly downhill, and can easily arrive with almost no audible warning until it is too late. Children also falsely assume that an oncoming train will be able to stop in time to avoid hitting them, just like cars do. Wrong! Unless they have been taught about the danger associated with trains, they cannot imagine that a 150-car freight or passenger train traveling at 50 miles per hour or faster needs at least a mile and a half to come to a complete stop. Children need to understand a train cannot steer to avoid them, they must avoid the train by staying off the tracks. Railroad crossings also pose a serious danger, even when safeguards are in place. Nearly half of all collisions at highway rail crossings occur where automatic warning devices such as flashing lights or flashing lights with gates are present and are functioning properly. Far too often, pedestrians or motorists ignore these warnings in attempt to beat the train. Tragically, any collisions between a motor vehicle and a train are 30 times

more likely to be fatal than a collision with another car, bus, or truck.

Finally, it is important to remember that railroad tracks, trestles, bridges, yards, and equipment are private property. Trespassers are subject to arrest and fines. In the last five (5) years, highway rail crossings casualties in the under 16 age group have declined by about 40 percent and trespass casualties have decreased by 30 percent.

What Parents Can Do

Lessons learned during the formative years can make a lasting impression and can save your child's life. Here are some steps you can take to make sure your child is safe around trains:

- Teach your child at an early age that trains are dangerous. Make sure they understand that it is never safe to play on or near railroad tracks.
- Teach your child that it is illegal and unsafe to trespass on railroad property. Remind him/her that the only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at an established public crossing.
- Teach your child to recognize the warning devices that can be found at public grade crossings, cross buck signs (found at every public crossing), flashing lights, bells and gates (may also be found at some public crossings). Teach your child how these devices work, and what they mean.
- Teach your child that it is important to obey all warning signals at railroad crossings. Show him or her how to walk across the tracks safely at a public grade crossing, but stress that they must NEVER

"short-cut" across the tracks, even if it looks like there are no trains coming.

- When your child is old enough, explain that railroad tracks and equipment are private property and that trespassing could get him or her arrested or injured, possibly both.

Rules for Crossing Safely
Never "short cut" across railroad tracks. Always cross at a public grade crossing, even if it means that you have to walk out of your way.

- When walking or bicycling stop well away from the tracks.

- Observe any grade crossing warning devices that are present, such as flashing red lights, bells, or gates, and determine whether or not they have been activated to indicate the approach of a train.

- If the warning devices are not on, still look in both directions for an approaching train.

- Listen for the sound or whistle of an approaching train.

If a train is coming, WAIT until it passes before crossing the tracks.

- Watch for more than one train, you may not notice a second train coming from the opposite direction on an adjacent track, or approaching behind the first train, but in the same direction, on an adjacent track because of the noise from the first one.

- Once you are sure it is safe, cross without delay; use the smooth grade crossing surface and watch where you step, so you do not stumble or fall.

Community Calendar

Bethel Farmers Market open Saturdays through Oct. 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. rain or shine at Norway Savings Bank. FMI: 890-6859 or bethelfarmersmarket.com.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, presents individual and collaborative sculpture by Eland brothers, Rick and Bill, now thru Columbus Day. Also, Andy Curran's new paintings and cards now showing thru Columbus Day; and a collection of paintings by Boston artist Ros Farbus. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com

Every Tuesday

5:30 p.m. - **Western Maine Velo Group** Road Ride, meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Rides 15 to 49 miles. Open to all riders.

Every Wednesday

5:30 p.m. - **Mountain bike ride**. Meet at Bethel Bicycle, 53 Mayville Road, Bethel. Call ahead 824-0100 for route information. Open to all riders.

Every Saturday

11:30 a.m. - **Guided One-Hour Walking Tour** of Historic Bethel Hill. Meet at bell tower on north end of common. Free but donations accepted. FMI: 824-2908.

Sundays thru August (except Aug. 21)

2 to 4 p.m. - **Open House Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris.

Thursdays, Aug. 11-18-25

6:30 to 8:45 p.m. - **Preparing for Birth** class at Harper Conference Room, Ripley Medical Building. Fee for class: \$50 if delivered at SMH or \$60 elsewhere. FMI or register: 743-1562 Ext 6951.

Thru Aug. 31

5 to 7 p.m. - **Juried Art Show** open at The Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Free and open to public Wednesday 10 to 5, Thursday 2 to 5, Friday 1 to 5, Saturday 1 to 5. FMI: WMAG.org or e-mail westernmaineartgroup@gmail.com or call 739-6161 or 743-7813.

Thursday, Aug. 11

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - **Cruise Nite** at Breaux's Two and Woodstock Oil Parking Lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.
7 p.m. - **Steeple Jazz Concert**, Lovell United Church of Christ sanctuary. Free. Open to public. Donations gratefully accepted. Refreshments following.

Friday, Aug. 12

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Take me Fishing!** at Lake Umbagog State Campground off Route 26 about eight miles southwest of Errol and intersection with Route 16. RSVP required (603) 482-3415 Ext 110. FMI: www.fws.gov/northeast/lakeumbagog

11 a.m. - **Vintage Aprons** (fundraising event), Albany Town House. Most aprons made by the late Alice Kimball of Albany. Dottie Adams and Norma Salway will present History of Aprons at a luncheon at 11 a.m. Vintage apron raffled day of event along with basket of kitchen items. Admission: \$5. Advance reservations may be made by calling 824-2305. Both ladies and gents invited.

7 p.m. - **NO HIP-HOP W/O THE HIPS**, benefit show for Debi Irons at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School, South Paris and move to Tucker's Pub, Norway. Tickets available at Books 'n' Things, Norway, at door, or send donation to Debi Irons, 13 Cottage Street, Norway, ME 04289.

7:30 p.m. - **Virtuoso Pianist David Westfall** performs at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Main and High streets, Berlin, N.H. Free with donations suggested. FMI: (603) 466-2865 or (603) 326-3242 or www.musicgnw.org.

Friday, Aug. 12 and Monday, Aug. 15

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Safe Sitter** Classes, Harper Conference Center. \$50 two-day class. FMI/registration: 743-1562 Ext 6951.

Friday, Aug. 12, and Saturday, Aug. 13

Bethel Historical Society "Heritage Days" Friday, Hall Memorial Lecture; Saturday, Lecture, exhibit opening and special house tour (fee). FMI: 824-2908, e-mail info@bethelhistorical.org or visit www.bethelhistorical.org.

Saturday, Aug. 13

8 a.m. - **23rd Wildman Biathlon**, Shelburne, N.H. Fees: \$50 individual, \$100 two-person team, \$150 three-person team. Price upped \$10 after July 30. FMI: www.ncia.net/wildman.

8 a.m. To 1 p.m. - **Yard and Bake Sale** (completely restocked and reduced items) at West Paris Historical Society, across from Library on Main Street. FMI: Betty Jones 674-2507.

8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - **NRA-NMLRA Basic Pistol, Rifle and Shotgun Muzzleloading Shooting Course**, \$100 per person at Pooh Corner Farm Greenhouse and Florist, Bethel.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Hosta and Honey Fest**, McLaughlin Garden, South Paris. Note: all general admission fees canceled for 2011. FMI: Ruth Copeman, executive director 515-1857.

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **Historic Moore Park Art Show**, South Paris (rain date: Aug. 14). Arts of all kinds, fine art paintings, fiber art, sculpture, metal-smith and beaded jewelry, glass arts, wood carvings, photography and much more. Free live performances feature dancing and live music. FMI: 890-9399 or mooreparkart@gmail.com or www.MooreParkArtShow.org

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Telstar Alumni Day**. Hot dogs, chips and soda served 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual meeting/election of officers 2 p.m.

Bluegrass Festival at Naragamissic, the Peabody-Fitch Farm, South Bridgton sponsored by Bridgton Historical Society. A featured performer is Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection along with many others. Tickets: \$12 (\$2 children 12 and under).

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District** annual meeting/dinner (\$10), First Congregational Church, South Paris. FMI and reservations: call Jean Federico (743-5789 Ext 111).

7 p.m. - **Variety Show** at Andover Congregational Church. Donations benefit Andover Food Pantry.

8 p.m. - **Celebration Barn Theater**, Route 117, Stock Farm Road, South Paris, presents Karen Montanaro in "The Journey." Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 students and kids. FMI or advance tickets: 743-8452 or visit www.CelebrationBarn.com.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14

3 p.m. Aug. 13 - **Kids' Triathlon** at Angevine Park, North Road, Bethel. Ages 8-14. 200-yard swim, 3-mile bike, 1-mile run. \$25 entry fee (less families w/ three or more). Sign up by 2 p.m. FMI: 824-2282 or e-mail julia@bethelmaine.com

9 a.m. - **Aug. 14 - Maine State Triathlon** starts Bethel Inn Lakehouse, Songo Pond. Entries welcome to 13th only. Race fee \$79 p/p, \$125 teams. 1 K swim Songo Pond, 24 K bike and 4.8 K run. Prizes. FMI: 824-2282, www.bethelmaine.com Online registration www.active.com or previous website. Volunteers still sought.

Maine Wildlife Park, Gray, "Honor the Animals" Native American Pow Wow. Several Maine and New England tribes, Native dancers, drummers, craft vendors, singers food booths. FMI: 657-4977 or www.maine-wildlifepark.com or www.mefishwildlife.com, or Facebook.

Saturdays, Aug. 13, 20, 27

7 to 10 p.m. - **Dance, Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Sunday, Aug. 14

All day - **Muzzleloading Rifle, Shotgun, Pistol Class** sponsored by Western Maine Property Protection LLC at Pooh Corner Farm, Florist and Greenhouse, Bethel. \$200 per student. Space limited. FMI: 739-9774 or www.wmepropertyprotection.com

Noon - **Mundt-Allen Post 81 Picnic** for members and families. Please bring salad or dessert. FMI: Norm and Sylvia Clanton (824-2629) or Bob McCartney (836-3575).

1 p.m. - **North Pond Sailing Association Regatta**. Free and open to all. FMI: 875-3726. (Rain Date)

2 p.m. - **Waterford World's Fair** meeting at Fairgrounds, Green Road, North Waterford. All department heads and chairpersons of fair events to attend to give report. All members encouraged to attend.

2 to 4 p.m. - **REACH Kids' Baseball and Softball Clinic** at Gouin Field, Alpine Street, South Paris. Softball teams coach 2nd to 5th grades and 6th to 8th grades. Refreshments. Fee: \$7. FMI and to sign up: 743-9777. Also at Paris, Norway and Oxford Police and Fire departments or REACH office, 1 East Main Street, South Paris. 3 p.m. Dunk Tank.

4 p.m. - **Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin** perform at Mahoosuc Arts Council Free Summer Bandstand Series, gazebo on Bethel Common (rain: Bingham Auditorium). Bring chair or blanket. FMI: www.MahoosucArts.org or 824-3575.

4 p.m. - **REACH Softball Game** at Gouin ball field, Alpine Street, South Paris, Firefighters vs. Police slow pitch softball game. Rain date: Aug. 21. FMI: 743-9777 or visit www.reachmaine.org

5:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Adults \$7/12 and under \$4.

Monday, Aug. 15

6 p.m. - **West Paris Historical Society** meeting and potluck supper (7 p.m.) followed by guest speaker Percy Turner, retired State Trooper, speaking about the Littlefield murder on Paris Hill. Everyone welcome. FMI: Betty Jones 674-2507.

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Yard and Bake Sale** at West Paris Historical

Society, Main Street (across from Library). Many new items and many items reduced to sell. FMI: Betty Jones 674-2507.

7 p.m. - **Mahoosuc Community Band** end of the summer concert at Bingham Hall, Gould Academy, Bethel.

7 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center** performance by Ashelin, band of five sisters. Tickets: \$15 at door (\$13 for Arts Center Members). FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org

Aug. 15 thru 22

6 to 8 p.m. - **Federal Job Application Workshop**, White Mountains Community College, 2620 Riverside Drive, Berlin, N.H. Prior registration required; call Tamara Allen, program assistant, WMCC, (603) 752-1113 ext. 3062 or e-mail taallen@ccsnh.edu

Tuesday, Aug. 16

5 to 6:30 p.m. - **Baked Bean Supper**, North Waterford Congregational Church, Five Kezars Road, opposite Melby's.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

7 to 9 p.m. - **Alzheimer's Support Group** meeting, Rumford Community Home, 11 John F. Kennedy Lane, Rumford. FMI: Mary Hagan 364-7863.

Thursday, Aug. 18

6 p.m. - **Andover Public Meeting** at Town Hall with representatives from CMP and Maine State Planning Office to answer questions and provide insight. Schedule: 6 p.m., Smart Meters; 6:30 p.m., Flood Plain Map Concerns; 7 p.m. (after map discussion) Posting Sign Location.

Aug. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and Aug. 21 and 28

8 p.m. and 2 p.m. (21 and 28) - **"Large Window on a Small World"** performed by Oxford Hills Music and Performing Arts Association, sponsored by New Balance. \$5 opening night; and all others \$10 adults/\$8 senior citizens available Books-N-Things, Norway. Not suitable for small children. FMI: Tom Littlefield 890-7515 or e-mail smalacre@msn.com

Friday, Aug. 19

11:30 a.m. - **Back to School Fashion Show** by Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. FMI: 364-4561.

5 to 6 p.m. - **Public Roast Pork Supper**, South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$7/12 and under \$3.

5 to 8 p.m. - **Norway Memorial Library Board of Trustees** invites public to attend reception for outgoing library director Ann Siekman and incoming director Beth Kane. FMI: 743-5309.

Saturday, Aug. 20

Upton Fun Day - vendors, historical displays, games, yard sale, food, goodies, authors, crafts and beautiful mountain setting. Vendor fee: \$10. Breakfast available 6 a.m. at Upton Ladies Aid Building. FMI: Charlotte 533-2061.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **36th Annual Arts and Artisans Fair**, New Suncook School, 95 Main Street (Route 5), Lovell. Admission free. Used book sale, lunch available to purchase at Charlotte Hobbs Memorial Library, 227 Main Street, Lovell.

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust's Whitecap Gourmet Hike** (hiking/eating) Gourmet is anything beyond goop or peanut butter and jelly. Meet at trailhead East Andover Road, in Rumford. Bring dish to share, utensils, plate, drink, snack, water, bug and sun protection. RSVP 382-3806 if going.

Sunday, Aug. 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine Summer Social** at Heritage Center, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Small fee to cover cost of luncheon. FMI: 743-5677.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. - **Public Dinner**, Rumford Grange 115. Smothered beef, etc. \$8 adults/\$6 children.

4 p.m. - **The Blue Willow Band**, Mahoosuc Arts Council Free Summer Bandstand Series at gazebo on Bethel Common (rain: Bingham Auditorium). Bring chair or blanket. FMI: www.MahoosucArts.org or 824-3575.

Monday, Aug. 22

7 p.m. - **St. Kieran Arts Center** performance by JJ Chaisson's Pei Kitchen Party, rock band. Tickets: \$15 at door (\$13 for Arts Center Members). FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org

Wednesday, Aug. 24

1 p.m. - **Ceramic Painting**, First Universalist Church, West Paris. Ceramic pieces, acrylic paints, brushes provided, but bring own supplies if wish. Free and light refreshments.

Thursday, Aug. 25

5:30 p.m. - **Public Supper** Albany Congregational Church, Hunts Corner Road. Adults \$7/12 and under \$4.

Sunday, Aug. 28

20th Annual Moose Festival, Errol, N.H. Kids Fishing Derby, sack races, water balloon toss, etc., Flea Market, BBQ, pie tasting competition/auction. FMI: (603) 482-7777

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FARM TEAM CHAMPIONS-The Woodstock Tigers finished the season undefeated, 13-0, after winning a nail-biting championship game 7-5 against Otisfield on Saturday at Pismo Beach in Oxford. Coach Jeff Prentice: "After a shaky start, mostly due to nerves, we came back from being down 1-0 through the fifth inning to tying it up and eventually pulling ahead with 5 more runs in the sixth. Outstanding hitting from Kylee Martin, Morgan Prentice, Annika Mitchell, and Erin Childs were key in rallying the Tigers into the lead. A seventh-inning double by Mykiah Bennet pushed us to a 7-4 lead, now leaving it up to relief pitcher Erin Childs to close out the win. She did so with striking out 4 batters in 2 innings. Although we finished with a perfect record, it hailed in comparison to what our team accomplished this season. That is learning how to play softball, playing together as a team, and having a ton of fun. We all contributed at the plate and in the field making this season so special. I truly enjoyed coaching such a wonderful group of young ladies, thank you for all your efforts." Pictured here with the trophy are, front: Kylee Martin, Erin Childs, Morgan Prentice, Madisyn Bean, Maggie Black. Back: Head Coach Jeff Prentice, Ella Kellogg, Brooke Carson, Becca Morin, Ashley Childs, Mykiah Bennett, Annika Mitchell, Josie Forbes, Beth Laird, Luci Rothwell, Emalee Coffin, Asst. Coach Echo Corliss. Absent from photo: Athena Main.



OHSS LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS: After becoming the OHSS Northern Division champs, the Woodstock Tigers went on to Pismo Beach in Oxford Saturday, where they defeated Mino/Hebron, the Southern Division champs 14-1 to become the OHSS Little League Champions for 2011. Pictured are, front: Ana Rossow, Ellie Bailey, Natasha Hart, Jillian DeLallo, Maddie Prentice, Shylyn Buckman, Savannah Laird. Back: Teyha Johnson, Coach Brock Cuzzolino, Annie Cushman, Sadie Ellsworth, Shaynah Seames, Vanessa Godwin, Aislinn Forbes, Ellie Conrad, Katie Merrill, Coach Linda Cuzzolino.

YOUTH BASEBALL UPDATE: This past weekend, young baseball players from Andy Valley West 9-Under All Star Team traveled to Bethel, Conn. to represent Maine in the New England Regional Tournament. The team is made up of players from Bethel, Woodstock, Greenwood, West Paris, South Paris and Norway. During the New England Skills Competition on Aug. 5, Andy Valley West took first place in the Base Running Relay. The relay team consisted of Rodney Bean, Will Lafamme, Charlie Morton, and Caleb Moyer.

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ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarenes - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-

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Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets

at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

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Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month follow-

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St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

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WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship, Sept. to June. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) - 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

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Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson (207-527-2551), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

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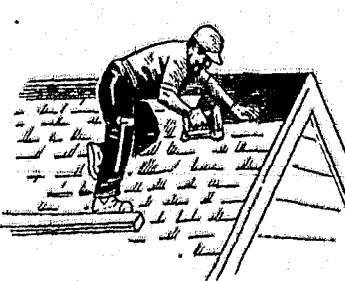
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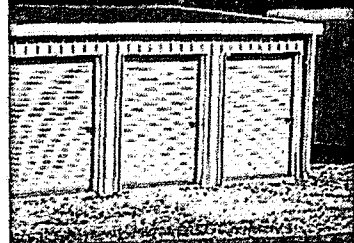


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Recent area real estate transactions

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Core Value, LLC to Bald Bluff Forest, LLC, of Sarasota, Fla., land (Map R11, Lot 1, East of Greenwood Road), \$600,000, May 12, 2011.

Gordon and Matthew Brown to Dube Design & Construction, Inc., of Dayton, land (Branch Drive, Lot 10), \$45,000, May 13, 2011.

Core Value, LLC to Long Mountain, LLC, of Winston-Salem N.C., land (Map R15, Lot 1; Map R16, Lot 10, and Map R9, Lot 1), \$2,825,000, May 27, 2011.

No new transactions were recorded in Andover, Bethel, Newry or Woodstock.

About the listings: The information above has been compiled from the latest public records in the individual town offices. The transaction descriptions and prices are sent to the town by the Maine Revenue Service and may not arrive and be filed for several weeks after the purchase closing dates.

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If you have real estate or contractor information you'd like to submit for consideration, please e-mail news@bethelcitizen.com or call Michael Daniels at 207-824-2444.

Did you know...

* Real estate agents are not directly paid for by the homebuyers.

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For homeowners who want to improve rather than move.

(ARA) - Homeowners renovate for two basic reasons: money and fun. Or, more precisely, they undertake home improvements to improve their home's resale value or their enjoyment of their house. The best home improvements, however, are ones that deliver on both objectives.

Americans will spend nearly \$141 billion on remodeling in the first half of this year, according to Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies. If you'll be among the many homeowners opting to improve, rather than move, you may be wondering what renovations are likely to give you the best balance of enhanced resale value and immediate enjoyment. Here are five home improvements - from budget-friendly to big budget - that provide noteworthy return on investment (ROI) in terms of increased value and improved enjoyment:

1. SKYLIGHTS

You can lower your electric bill by installing skylights that will reduce dependency on artificial light and fill your home with natural light. You can obtain quality, energy-efficient, "No Leak Skylights" from Velux for around \$800 per unit for a standard fixed skylight with flashing kit. You can find a local installer to provide a customized cost estimate at www.veluxusa.com. In terms of positive energy, the mental and physical health effects of exposure to natural light are well documented. They're also an effective privacy preserver for bathrooms where you might not want a wall window. Skylight and sun tunnels (skylights that use reflective tubes to bring sunlight into rooms without direct roof access) not only enhance the energy efficiency of your home, they just may make you feel better about living there.

2. DECKS

Whether you go for wood or composite, adding a deck is a great way to boost resale value, expand your living space and up your enjoyment of your home environment. On average, homeowners who add a wood deck can expect to recoup more than 80 percent of its cost when it comes time to sell, according to Remodeling Magazine's 2009-2010 Cost vs. Value Report. Composite deck additions return about 71 percent at the time of resale.

3. KITCHENS

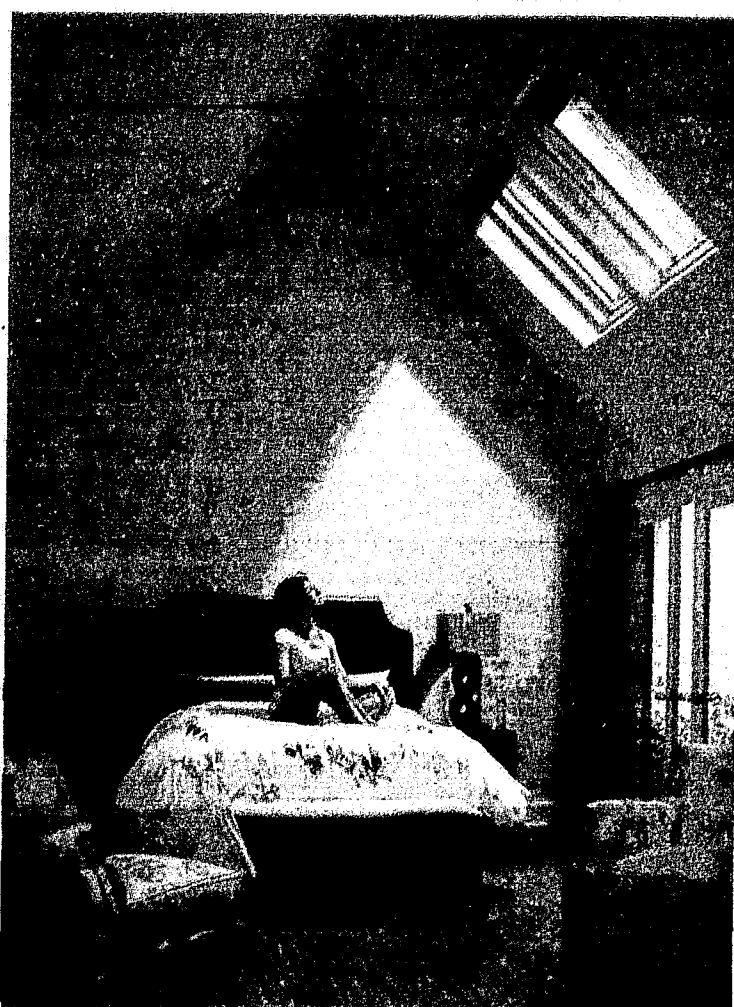
It makes sense that the room where most families spend the bulk of their time would be a popular remodel - and one that pays off big in terms of value and comfort. Even a minor kitchen remodel - costing about \$21,000 - will return about 78 percent of its value on resale, according to Remodeling Magazine. A major kitchen job, costing around \$57,200, will recoup about \$41,200, or 72 percent.

4. BATHS

Whether you're tackling a major job that involves knocking out walls and changing fixtures, or just making cosmetic improvements like upgrading faucets and repainting, remodeling a bathroom goes straight to the heart of our craving for comfort. Americans view their baths as far more than a place to get clean and take care of other necessities. Even if you're not creating a home spa, improving the bathroom is sure to boost your home's resale value and increase your satisfaction with the room. Remodeling Magazine says the average bathroom remodel costs around \$16,100 and returns up to 71 percent of that cost at the time of sale.

5. BASEMENT/ATTIC REMODEL

With more families staying put in the homes they have, rather than moving up to larger homes, many Americans are looking for ways to expand their living space while staying in place. Attic and basement remodels are great ways to add usable, livable space at a fraction of the cost of building an addition. The lingering effects of the Great Recession have multiple generations living together under one roof again, and many of these families create bedrooms, bathrooms or even family rooms in unfinished attic or basement space. Everyone appreciates the extra room, and attic renovations and basement remodeling yield resale returns of 83 percent and 75 percent, respectively, according to the Cost vs. Value Report.



How To Cut Your Home Cooling Bills

(StatePoint)

Is your home's air conditioning system operating properly and efficiently? Once you know your air conditioning is working efficiently, there are other simple steps you can take to keep cooling bills low throughout the season.

If you have a central air conditioning system, make sure to get it checked by an HVAC/R professional. When scheduling an annual air conditioning check-up, keep in mind that many offer special deals on seasonal preventative maintenance, so it can be beneficial to shop around. Not all HVAC/R technicians offer the same level of expertise, so the responsibility falls on homeowners to ensure they get the protection and quality assurance they deserve.

When it comes to selecting a contractor to perform an assessment of your air conditioning system, choose one that employs NATE-certified technicians. This helps ensure your equipment is installed right and operating properly, offering maximum comfort, energy savings and peace of mind.

Once you've confirmed that your air conditioning system is running efficiently, there are several things you can do to keep energy bills to a minimum:

* Raise the thermostat about five degrees. Each degree saves a percentage off your cooling energy bill.

* Don't obstruct airflow around air conditioner units. Keep them clear of plants and debris.

* Clean the air filters. Check them every couple of weeks and change them at least twice in the season, or as directed by the manufacturer.

* Review last year's energy bills and keep an eye on cooling costs throughout this season to monitor for major increases or inconsistencies.

As homeowners continue to adopt eco-friendly, high-efficiency products and appliances, it's important to realize that even the greenest equipment can waste money and energy if it's not installed, serviced and maintained properly. By working with NATE-certified technicians, homeowners can have confidence that their HVAC/R equipment offers the energy efficiency it promises.



When scheduling an air conditioning check-up, be sure to request a NATE-certified technician. To find a qualified local contractor who employs certified technicians, look for the NATE logo on their website or promotional materials, or go to HVACAdvice.com.

By making sure your air conditioning is operating efficiently and by adopting a few energy-friendly habits, you can maximize your family's comfort while saving both energy and money.

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As of August 8, 2011 — From: Zillow.com

Tips to Ready Your Home for Retirement

More than 70 million Baby Boomers are on the edge of retirement, and many are hoping to stay in their own homes as they age. For this group, now is the time to remodel or tweak potentially dangerous areas in the home - such as the kitchen and bathroom - to ensure they are easy to navigate and won't present safety hazards later in life.

"There are a few simple changes homeowners can implement over time - without breaking the bank - to make their homes secure for later years," says Eric McRoberts, head of the American Institute of Architects' Design for Aging committee. "And you don't have to sacrifice style."

Eliminate Hazards

One of the most difficult parts of aging in place is determining what will be dangerous later in life. You can start by canvassing your home for uneven floor surfaces, steps and doors that open into small spaces, like closets or bathrooms. Imagine navigating these areas when you have limited mobility or even a walker, and you will begin to see where difficulties may occur.

There are solutions to help. For example, if your home contains both carpet and hardwood flooring, install transition strips to tack down places where these surfaces meet. Also, replace swinging doors with pocket doors, which pull out from the wall, allowing more room to navigate and privacy when needed.

McRoberts also recommends adopting European-style shower designs, where the shower is separated from the rest of the bathroom only by a small rubber curb. Eliminating steps into tubs reduces the possibility of slips and falls.

All Within Reach

At older ages, certain motions (like reaching up or bending down) can put unnecessary stress on joints and cause injury. To mitigate this risk, McRoberts suggests adopting universal design - small design adjustments and basic retrofits that make everything in a room easily accessible.

For example, turn cabinets into drawers. An architect can help in

designing a facade that still looks like a cabinet door, but actually has shelves that slide out, eliminating the need to reach inside. Or consider raising or lowering shelves, eradicating the need to bend and stretch.

Similarly, putting appliances like front-loading washers and dryers on one, easy-to-reach level will reduce risks. McRoberts advises that an architect can help devise solutions, such as putting appliances on pedestals, to keep everything at one level.

Research Green Design

While not an overt safety measure, "greening" your home saves money, a definite plus for retirees living on a fixed budget.

While solar panel installation may not be an option for everyone, simpler solutions, such as ensuring all windows are properly sealed, will minimize heating and cooling costs. Landscaping may also help. Thoughtful placement of shady trees and wind-reducing shrubs can naturally help regulate indoor temperatures.

To find an architect who can help you make your home senior friendly, visit ArchitectFinder.aia.org.

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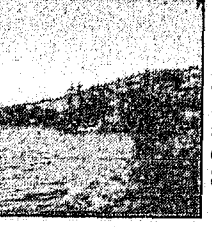
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Obituaries



EARL L. MARR

Earl L. Marr, Jr., 90, of Rumford, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 at the Rumford Community Home, Rumford, Maine with his loving family by his side.

He was born in North Bridgton, Maine on Oct. 29, 1920, the son of Earl and Alice (Kneeland) Marr, Sr. He graduated from Norway High School, Class of 1940 and had attended the University of Maine at Orono.

During World War II, he served from 1942 to 1946 as a PFC in the US Army overseas in Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes, Central Europe and was in the Battle of the Bulge under Gen. George Patton, and received the Bronze Star Medal.

Earl worked at the Waterford Sawmill for several years and then worked at the Rumford Paper Mill in the unloading department until retirement in October of 1982 from Boise Cascade Paper Company after more than 31 years.

He was a Communicant of

Parish of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius - St. John Church; a former member of Robert Shand Post 1641, V.F.W.; he enjoyed woodworking, gardening, tinkering around the house, enjoying time with his friends, and loved spending time with his family.

He was married in North Conway, N.H., on Aug. 12, 1950 to the former Jeannette L. Coriveau who died May 13, 2007.

Survivors include sons Dennis Marr of Peru and his girlfriend Bette, Danny Marr and wife Ginny of Madison, AL; daughters Erla Marr Gamage and husband Dean of New Sharon, June Elaine Giambattista and husband John of Rumford, Janice and John Durland of Mexico, Joan Hamann and husband Roger of Peru; sister Mary Andrews of South Paris; grandchildren Kristen Crickenberger, Jillian Marr, Daniel Gamage, Jennifer and Ryan Giambattista, Jody Raio, Christian and Alexandria Durland, Eric, Michelle, and Austin Hamann, and Courtney Mease; six great-grandchildren; and was predeceased by his parents, wife, daughter Jacqueline Mease, brother Roger, and sister Ann Forrest.

Friends are invited to sign the family guest book and share their thoughts, condolences and memories online at www.meadersandson.com

Funeral services will be conducted 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011 at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford with Fr. Phil Tracy officiating. Call-

ing hours will be after 5:30 p.m. Thursday prior to the funeral services. Graveside services with Military Honors will be conducted by Fr. Phil Tracy 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2011 at St. John Cemetery, Rumford. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the Robert Shand Post 1641, VFW, 330 Waldo Street, Rumford 04276 or to the Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American Legion, Congress Street, Rumford, Maine 04276 in his memory.

FRANCIS W. BULGER

Francis W. "Frank" Bulger, 71, of Spruce Street, Rumford, died Monday, Aug. 8, 2011 at the Hospice House following a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was born in Dixfield, June 19, 1940, a son of Earl and Dorothy (Eastman) Bulger.

Frank was educated in Rumford schools and was a graduate of Stephens High School, Class of 1959. He served in the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard.

Frank was employed for 34 years with the Rumford School Department as a custodian and bus driver.

He was a member of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the LePareseux Snowshoe Club. Frank volunteered with the Boy Scouts and coached baseball for many years.

He loved spending time with his family and watching his grandson, Hunter, play football and taking him to NWA Wrestling. Frank's biggest love in life was his wife, Bonnie.

Surviving are his wife of 19 years, Bonnie (Peare) Bulger of Rumford; a mother-in-law, Alyce Peare of West Paris;

two children, John Bernard and wife Tammi of Rumford and Heather Jackson and fiancé Adam Conley of Rumford; two sisters, Susan Brown and husband Leslie of Dryden and Earline Snell of Mexico; three sisters-in-law, Marie Halacy of Hanover, Donna Worcester and husband Clem of Hanover and Lisa Theberge and husband Henry of Roxbury; two brothers-in-law, Peter Peare of Berlin, N.H., and Daniel Peare and wife Kim of Andover; five grandchildren, Lachesha Howard, Kearra Howard, Nickolas Harnden, Hunter Bernard and Nichole Bernard; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents; and an aunt, Mildred Harlow.

You are invited to share

your thoughts, condolences, and fond memories with the Bulger family by visiting their guest book at www.SGThibaultFuneralHome.com.

Visiting hours will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the S.G. Thibault Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 250 Penobscot Street, Rumford, with visitation by the American Legion at 3 p.m. A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, at the funeral home. Interment will be in Rumford Center Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Frank's memory may be made to the Hospice House of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 236 Stetson Road, Auburn, ME 04210.

NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations.

The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated.

All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

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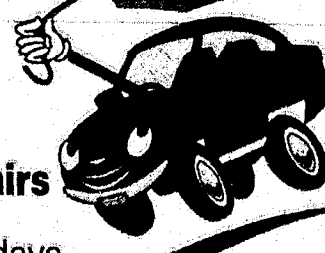
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Nancy B. Young

August 16, 2010

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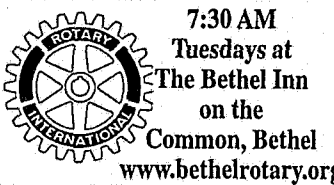
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